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"Soccer Action" will bring you Australia's best Press coverage of the world youth championships over the next two weeks.

Our team of writers comprises some of the finest players in Australian soccer.

They are:
GARY COLE (Heidelberg-Alexander), Soccerroo and all-time top scorer of the national league;
ALAN DAVIDSON (South Melbourne Hellenas), widely regarded as the best player of the national team over the past 18 months;
MURRAY BARNES (Sydney City Hakoah), captain of the Soccerroos;
PETER KATHOLOS (Sydney Olympic), another Soccerroo and the youngest team captain in the national league, who is set to try his luck in Europe;
JIM HERMISTON (Brisbane Lions), Australian Player of the Year in 1980 and also "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines best player for the past two years;
JOE PALINKAS (Brisbane City), exciting winger who previously played for Footscray J.U.S.T., Melbourne and St. George;
HARRY WILLIAMS (Canberra City), one of the all-time greats of Australian soccer, member of the 1973-74 and 1977 World Cup teams;
ROY DRINKWATER (Newcastle KB Utd), captain of Newcastle and former New Zealand international;
JOHN PERIN (Adelaide City Juventus), another club captain and former Soccerroo.
BOBBY RUSSELL (Adelaide City), brilliant defender who was on Australia's 1979 China tour and who, like Peter Katholos, is set to try his luck in Europe.

The commentary by the stars will be supplemented by the writing skills of our regular experts Laurie Schwab, Tom Anderson, Craig MacKenzie, Rale Rasic, Mike Johnson, Meno Toutsidis, Peter Windsor, Joe Lanzoni, Bruce Waddell, Peter Scott, Zika Nikolic and Billy Vojtek.

The world watches

750 million in 50 countries to tune in

From the kick-off on Saturday, not just Australia, but the world, will get an armchair view of the F.I.F.A. World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

Network 10's coverage of the championships will be beamed to as many as 50 countries bringing every minute of play to an audience of hundreds of millions.

The final alone will have an audience estimated between 500 and 750 million in at least 50 countries.

The coverage of the F.I.F.A. World Youth Championships is the biggest coverage of a sporting event yet attempted by an Australian TV network.

Network 10 will use a big team of commentators for

its telecasts of the F.I.F.A. World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

The championship, which will be played in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra and Newcastle, features some of the world's leading young soccer stars.

The first games will be played on Saturday, and 16 countries will play in the elimination series, the final of which will be at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday, October 18.

The main commentators Network 10 will use are:

• **GERRY HARRISON**, the well-known British commentator, who is an Oxford Blue in soccer and has covered international soccer for Thames TV and Anglia TV for more than ten years.

• **MIKE HILL**, the former British TV personality, who has been a commentator-interviewer on "Phillips Top Soccer" for Channel 9 and Channel 10.

• **DAVID FORDHAM**, of Newcastle station, NBN3, who is recognised as one of the top soccer commentators in Australia.

• **LES MURRAY**, of Channel 9/28.

At each game the commentators will be joined by a soccer expert for additional commentary.

These special commentators include Johnny Warren, ex-captain of the Australian Soccerroos, Tom McCain, soccer writer for the "Adelaide News" and Laurie Schwab, editor of

"Soccer Action" and soccer writer for "The Age."

The Australia-Argentina game will be recorded and telecast that night at 11:15 pm on ATV10, Melbourne, SAS10, Adelaide, and TVQ0, Brisbane.

The men charged with the task of bringing the championships to the world are joint executive producers Warren Lockhart and John Maras.

John Maras, who is also director of production at TEN 10, describes the coverage of the championships as "the most comprehensive, complicated and difficult" task yet undertaken by Australian TV.

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Ajax set for clean sweep



Green Gully Ajax snared its third trophy for 1981 when it beat Sunshine City 2-0 in the Victorian Dockerty Cup final on Sunday. Ajax previously won the Ampol Cup and State League championship. If it wins the top four series, it will be the only team to have done so. Standing from left: Jim Williams, Willie Vassallo, Paul Lewis, Kevin Wall (rear), Alan Bennett, Bill Morrey (rear), John Gardiner, Kit Greenoch (rear), Gus Macleod, Lou Denis, Mario Borg (team manager). Front: Gerry Bennett, Stuart Cannell, Bobby McLaughlan (coach), Peter Lewis, David Hogben. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

GALLOPING GAUCHOS 'GROUNDED'

By TOM ANDERSON

World youth champion Argentina arrived in Sydney last Sunday in a determined mood to retain its title.

The attitude of the galloping gauchos was what one would expect from a reigning world champion and they are a thoroughly professional outfit with a thoroughly professional outlook.

The first thing coach Roberto Sapriti did when he arrived at the team's training headquarters at the Camperdown Travelodge in downtown Sydney, was to inspect the teams' training ground at St. John's College across the road from the hotel.

And Senor Sapriti was not happy with what he saw and immediately announced that another ground would have to be found for his team to prepare on.

"This ground is much too bumpy and not even enough for us to prepare properly," he said.

"It's OK for doing physical work and playing around but for technical ball work it's not good enough."

"I want a good flat ground where we can prepare properly. This is a world championship and we are the defending champions. We must be properly prepared. Surely this is not too much to ask."

And of course coach Sapriti was perfectly correct in his demands.

How often in the past has an Australian team gone overseas, been given a bad ground to prepare on and complain strongly?

OK, some people may say it's happened to us many times so what?

Well, this is top world championship football and the eyes of the world are upon Australia. These visiting teams must be provided with the best.

If we can't do this, then we should not have accepted this competition in the first place.

champion's complaints were not frowned upon by the organisers in Sydney.

This Argentina outfit is one that is "careful" to say the least.

Coach Sapriti is quick to point out that he has no players such as Maradona or Diaz in his squad and instead of brilliant individuals he has a "combination" team.

"Three players from the championship winning team in Japan in 1979 are now in the senior Argentine side," Sapriti declared.

"At the moment we have younger players and rather than being individuals, they play well together as a unit."

THE FULL MATCH PROGRAMME

SYDNEY SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND

ENGLAND V CAMEROON AUSTRALIA V ARGENTINA

Saturday, 3rd October. A double-header.

Brewongle De-Luxe	\$10
Brewongle Standard	\$8
Noble & Bradman Stands	\$6
Sheridan & Concourse	\$5
Outer Ground	\$4

Pensioners & Children half price in the Sheridan and Concourse. \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.45 pm and 8.45 pm.

ENGLAND V ARGENTINA

Monday, 5th October (Public Holiday)

Brewongle De-Luxe	\$10
Brewongle Standard	\$8
Noble & Bradman Stands	\$6
Sheridan & Concourse	\$5
Outer Ground	\$4

Pensioners & Children half price in the Sheridan and Concourse. \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

ARGENTINA V CAMEROON ENGLAND V AUSTRALIA

Thursday, 8th October. A double-header.

Brewongle De-Luxe	\$10
Brewongle Standard	\$8
Noble & Bradman Stands	\$6
Sheridan & Concourse	\$5
Outer Ground	\$4

Pensioners & Children half price in the Sheridan and Concourse. \$1 in the Outer Ground for pensioners. Children free in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 7.00 pm and 9 pm.

QUARTER FINAL

Sunday, 11th October

Brewongle De-Luxe	\$12
Brewongle Standard	\$9
Noble & Bradman Stands	\$9
Sheridan & Concourse	\$7
Outer Ground	\$4

Pensioners and Children half price in the Sheridan and Concourse. \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

SEMI-FINAL

Wednesday, 14th October

Brewongle De-Luxe	\$12
Brewongle Standard	\$9
Noble & Bradman Stands	\$9
Sheridan & Concourse	\$7
Outer Ground	\$4

Pensioners and Children half price in the Sheridan and Concourse. \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 8.00 pm.

THE FINAL

Sunday, 18th October

Brewongle De-Luxe	\$15
Brewongle Standard	\$12
Noble & Bradman Stands	\$9
Sheridan & Concourse	\$7
Outer Ground	\$4

Pensioners and Children half price in the Sheridan and Concourse. \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

MELBOURNE OLYMPIC PARK The Official Opening

ITALY V KOREA ROMANIA V BRAZIL

Saturday, 3rd October. A double-header.

Covered Grandstand	\$12
Other Seats	\$10
Outer Ground	\$8

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm.

ROMANIA V KOREA BRAZIL V ITALY

Tuesday, 6th October. A double-header.

Covered Grandstand	\$8
Other Seats	\$7
Outer Ground	\$6

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.45 pm and 8.45 pm.

BRAZIL V KOREA ITALY V ROMANIA

Thursday, 8th October. A double-header.

Covered Grandstand	\$8
Other Seats	\$7
Outer Ground	\$6

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.45 pm and 8.45 pm.

QUARTER FINAL

Sunday, 11th October

Covered Grandstand	\$8
Other Seats	\$7
Outer Ground	\$6

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

SEMI-FINAL

Wednesday, 14th October

Covered Grandstand	\$8
Other Seats	\$7
Outer Ground	\$6

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 8.30 pm.

BRISBANE LANG PARK

POLAND V QATAR U.S.A. V URUGUAY

Saturday, 3rd October. A double-header.

Stand — Reserved	\$6
Stand — Non Reserved	\$5
Outer Ground	\$3

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm.

U.S.A. V QATAR URUGUAY V POLAND

Tuesday, 6th October. A double-header.

Stand — Reserved	\$8
Stand — Non Reserved	\$5
Outer Ground	\$3

Pensioners \$1 in the Outer Ground. Children free in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm.

QATAR V URUGUAY POLAND V U.S.A.

Thursday, 8th October. A double-header.

Stand — Reserved	\$6
Stand — Non Reserved	\$5
Outer Ground	\$3

Pensioners \$1 in the Outer Ground. Children free in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm.

CANBERRA NATIONAL ATHLETIC STADIUM

MEXICO V EGYPT SPAIN V GERMANY

NEWCASTLE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE

AUSTRALIA V CAMEROON

Monday, 5th October (Public Holiday)

Stand — Upper Deck	\$5
Stand — Lower Deck	\$4
Outer Ground	\$3

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

QUARTER FINAL

Sunday, 11th October

Stand	\$7
Outer Ground	\$5

Pensioners and Children half price in the Stand and \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

ADLAIDE HINDMARSH STADIUM

SPAIN V EGYPT GERMANY V MEXICO

Saturday, 3rd October. A double-header.

Stand — Covered	\$6
Uncovered seats	\$5
Outer Ground	\$4

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

GERMANY V EGYPT MEXICO V SPAIN

Tuesday, 6th October. A double-header.

Stand — Covered	\$8
Uncovered Seats	\$5
Outer Ground	\$4

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-offs: 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm.

3RD & 4TH PLAYOFF

Saturday, 17th October

Stand — Covered	\$8
Uncovered Seats	\$5
Outer Ground	\$4

Pensioners and Children \$1 in the Outer Ground. Kick-off: 3.00 pm.

TICKET AVAILABILITY:

Sydney:
All Mitchell Bass Outlets.

Melbourne:
Olympic Park and all Bass Agencies.

Brisbane:
Queensland Soccer Club, Abbotsford Road, Mayne.
Robinsons Sports Store, City.
Strudy's Sports, Capalaba.
Strudwick's Sportsworld, Ipswich and Sunnybank.
Butler Bros. Sports Centre, Indooroopilly Shoppingtown, Toombul Shoppingtown & Redcliffe.

Canberra:
Canberra Arrows Soccer Club, East Row, Civic.
Downer Olympic Soccer Club, Dixon.
Belconnen Soccer Club, Belconnen Way Hotel.
Acclaim Trophies, Shopping Centre, Yarralumla.

Newcastle:
Mitchell Bass, Civic Theatre, Hunter Street.

Adelaide:
South Australian Soccer Federation, Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton Street, Hindmarsh.
Jetset Tours, 23 Leigh Street, Adelaide. (Ticket prices exclusive of booking fee).

Italians anxious to please local tifosi

From the start Italian soccer bosses ordered their top clubs to support the FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

The order went out from the Italian Soccer Federation: "We want one player from each of you... at least".

The big reason behind the move to release young stars for the trip are firmly lodged in Australia, itself.

Italian fans are known colloquially as "tifosi" and there are plenty of them in the host country. Italo Acconcia, the Italian youth coach, explained: "The World Youth Championship in Australia is doubly important for us."

"Not only because it's a world event, but because it's being played in a country where there is so much Italian blood in the population."

"We know they will be expecting a lot from us and

we don't want to let them down".

Acconcia is a close confidant of World Cup boss Enzo Bearzot and under-21 supreme Azeglio Vicini.

Acconcia added: "Big club games are on at the same time and all this makes things more difficult for me."

"But I am still confident that Italian football is rich enough in young talent for me to take a very strong side."

"It is one capable of competing at this level and exhibiting good football".

The European club v country dilemma is most acute with the famous Torino club which had two strikers, Alessandro Bonesso and Pietro Mariani in Acconcia's squad of 30.

He explained before leaving: "Torino has only three players who can fill the role of centre-forward, these two boys and the older Pulici. So it's clear I'll be able to take only one of them from Torino".

appointment in the inaugural Coca-Cola Cup in Tunisia in 1977. But the event's growth in status has secured a more determined approach this time.

Acconcia added: "Things are different now. The championship has become so much more important to many countries. Argentina set a fine example with Maradona in Japan."

"Italy wants to be right up there with the best and our team will be stronger and better prepared than the one that appeared in Tunisia".

Acconcia, who is 56, had

a string of clubs in his playing days, starting with his home Third Division side, Aquila Abruze.

He stepped into the Second Division with Catanzaro before joining Fiorentina, Udinese, Rome, Genoa, Modena and Pistoiese.

As coach of the Italian youth side, he's had a big say in the development of current First Division stars who have passed through his hands.

These include Tardella and Cabrali (Juventus), Pruzzo and Bonetti (Roma), and Novellino and Antonelli (Milan).

Allen coming back in best possible way

For England Youth Skipper Paul Allen, the FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup is a platform for a personal soccer revival.

It seems daft to talk about a comeback for the kid with a pip-squeak voice, who had his 19th birthday only last month.

But West Ham starlet Allen carried the burden of being known to millions as the youngest FA Cup finalist in history.

And in the season after that winning performance against Arsenal at 17 and eight months, he discovered the darker side of the game.

First with a groin injury and then with a crushed artery in his foot, Allen spent six months surveying the inside of a treatment room.

He said: "After my marvellous day out at Wembley, all this trouble brought me right back down to earth. Now I've seen the good and the bad.

"But I'm on the way back and the Coca-Cola Cup comes at a great time as a test of what I can do".

Allen burst back into the spotlight on August 29 when, deputising for injured England star Trevor Brooking, he landed a magical chip shot onto Brighton's cross-bar in West Ham's opening match of the season.

It was featured in both the opening and closing sequences of Independent Television's "Big Match" programme.

And his manner John Lyall cooed: "Paul's always been known for his drive and aggression. Now he's adding a lovely subtlety to his game".

Allen had his left foot crushed in a European Cup-Winners' Cup tie against the Russians of Dinamo Tbilisi.

Now he's literally skipping his way to the Coca-Cola Cup. That's the lone exercise he has been performing

every day throughout the English summer to get the blood moving round his foot.

Allen added: "I would get fed up with it at times, but the prospect of playing against Argentina's World champions and Australia in front of their home crowd was a big inspiration."

"It certainly doesn't frighten me. My attitude is that I am not going all that way to lose."

"My one problem is that I have been trying too hard to impress since I got over my injuries."

"John Cartwright, our England youth manager, had to pull me aside in training and tell me to concentrate on doing the simple things well."

"I'm looking forward to a great experience in Australia. West Ham are happy to let me go from their First Division squad because they know it will make me a better player."



Peake has a personal fan

England will confront Australia with a sports all-rounder who plays a mean game of cricket, golf and rugby.

But it's when he gets down to the World Youth Championship that Andy Peake becomes really serious. Handy Andy, the Leicester City midfielder, can turn his sporting talents in many directions.

It's the ups and downs of soccer, though, that occupy his mind at present.

As an 18-year-old, Peake knew the giddy feeling of promotion to the First Division.

As a 19-year-old, he discovered the despair of dropping straight back to the Second.

Now, approaching his 20th birthday in November, Peake reckons he's on another upward turn of his personal yo-yo.

And if he can collect the Coca-Cola Cup along the way, he'll have packed a helluva lot into his brief career.

Even world champion Argentina holds no fears for the league-toughened Peake who said: "Big names mean nothing to me when I'm out on the pitch".

He's got a record to prove it. For Peake was in the Leicester Team that beat European champions Liverpool last season to end their run of more than 30 home games without defeat.

"That is one of the highlights of my career so far", said Peake "and this trip to Australia tops it. It's the chance of a lifetime for me."

There were no problems about my release. My boss Jack Wallace wants his players to represent their country. It gives the club a good image.

Peake is sure to have one fan shouting for him in the crowd when he opens up against Cameroon on October 3.

She's Wendy King, a girl friend of his from the home town of Market Harborough. Not so long ago, Wendy left England to work in a Sydney hotel for a year.

Now soccer's bridging the gap for Peake who added: "I'd love it if she could see us end up as the world champions and believe that is a real possibility."



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Nothing to lose, so let's get stuck in!

Steven Blair, 19, is rated one of the best young players in Australia. A typical stopper, Steve has been with the Melbourne Gunners since 1979 and will be a key man in Australia's bid for the World Youth Championship series in Australia 3-18 October 1981.

Born in Paisley, Scotland just outside Glasgow, Steve is descended from a long line of Celtic supporters and his family never misses a match in Melbourne. He arrived in Australia aged 8 from Scotland, where he had 'mucked around' with soccer, just like every other kid in Scotland. Steve Blair moved straight into Albion Rovers Juniors and played defence for a couple of years before moving up front and then back to centre half. Steve was the star player of the National Youth Team which played in the Oceania Tournament in Fiji and also with the Australian youth team at the winter tournament in Israel early in 1981. He has played for Australia in the National team on seven occasions and is one of five of Australia's youth

squad stars who have won coveted national team status — reflecting the growing strength of youth soccer in Australia today.

Tall (6'2") dark and blue-eyed, Steve Blair has his sights set firmly on international experience and leaves for Scotland soon after the World Youth Champions for trials with Celtic Dundee and Dundee United.

Steve lives at Sunshine in Melbourne and finds time for serious studies by correspondence of subjects like accounting, law, economics and banking. "A business career is my fall-back option," he explains with a smile.

Steve is into all types of sport: tennis, squash, table tennis, darts — but underneath it all he is a movie freak with his own video recorder at home to make sure he doesn't miss a good movie while he is out training or playing soccer.

But one key to Steve Blair's soccer success is motivation with a capital 'M'. The night before the recent Australian-Fiji match in Melbourne, Steve was deep into John Power's book 'The Coach' — a season with Ron Barrassi — whose name is a byword in sports motivation.

"Motivation is what it's all about," Steve Blair explains, "you have to want to play every match, every time — have the same desire to play and win every game."

It would be difficult to find a player, or a soccer official, more positive about Australia's chances in the World Youth Championships than Steve Blair.

"If we go out there and give everything — as a unit — we can upset the stars", he says enthusiastically.

"Australia has nothing to lose — so let's get stuck in. We don't want to be scared — let's go out and hammer them".

"I'm surprised at the number of people who are well aware of how big the World Youth Championships are going to be — especially the kids. We've got to live up to that".

Steve also has a few words of advice for soccer development in Australia: "I'd like to see more coaching for young players in Australia. It's hard for them to make it while there is so much of a gap between junior and senior levels. Australia has to become more and more professional in its soccer outlook".

Training? They can't get enough

Mitchell gives it all he's got



David Mitchell, 19, made his mark in the Philips League with Adelaide city and is a top striker for the National Youth Team and the National Team.

Like his team mate, Steve Blair, Mitchell hails from near Paisley out of Glasgow and upholds the Scots tradition in the Australian youth team as a fervent Rangers fan.

When he arrived in Australia aged 11, David began as a centre half with the Ingle Farm club in Adelaide was at centre half for two years, then midfield for Para Hills and to Enfield in Victoria at 15 as striker.

At 16, David was playing A grade in the State League.

But it was during an Ampol Cup summer series final that Adelaide City coach, Rale Rasic, saw David play, asked him to train with the Giants and David moved into the Philips League, playing the first of nine games for the season just before his 17th birthday.

Selection in the National Youth Team followed with visits to Israel and Fiji, and his game steadily improved with international competition, leading to senior representation for Australia during 1981.

Tall (6'1") fair and blue-eyed, David Mitchell sees the keys to soccer success as fitness, motivation and the coach.

Leading up to the World Youth Championship, David concentrated on extra fitness through a special individual training programme at 7.30 am Monday to Friday with his national youth squad team mate, Ian McKie (Yes! Ian is Scot No. 3).

David Mitchell moved in with Ian McKie's family in the Adelaide suburb of Atholstone.

David's mother arranged the use of the Spastic Centre gym at Strathmore and every weekday morning the pair spent an hour and a half of individual training; headers, ball control, dribbling, shooting, volleying and the rest.

Of course this was in addition to their normal evening training routine



David Mitchell — No. 1 striker

with their clubs, or the national youth team squad.

Says David: "Ian and I are tops, we help each other with anything".

When the pair are not soccer training or playing, they are out on Sunday mornings cleaning hotel windows for extra income.

David's father played soccer in Scotland, his two brothers played for Adelaide clubs, and his mother and sister are strong supporters.

Motivation is a strong point with David Mitchell. Before a big match he settles down to music on his personal mini-tape player and would like some motivation tapes to help psyche him up for the contest.

The same determination

comes through his anticipation of the World Youth Championships: "I've looked forward to this ever since I was selected for the National Youth Team and I feel you've got to keep training hard just to stay in the squad."

"I would rather be in against a hard team at the start than take it easy. It will lift everyone's game, and if the Australian crowds get behind us we could even pull it off".

Finally there is David's confidence in National Youth Team coach, Les Scheinflug. "He is more realistic and gets on with players — you can have a joke — but at the same time we have learnt good tactical moves which I think will pay off in the Coca-Cola Cup."



Wheatley wants to play in Europe

Robert Wheatley (left) 19, is the right back of Blacktown in Sydney, and an all-round sportsman who excels at tennis and cricket as well.

He is one of five top players from the National Youth Team who played for Australia in the national team. Robert has played for Australia against Dynamo Zagreb, Taiwan, Fiji and Indonesia.

From the northern Sydney suburb of Warrawee, Robert opened his soccer career at age 7 with the Wahroonga club, representing the district in Sunday matches as well.

At 15, he moved into the 3rd grade State League and into First grade at 17. At 18 he moved to Blacktown then to selection for the 1979 national youth squad for the previous World Youth Soccer Championships. At school, Robert completed the

Higher School Certificate at Northmanhurst High and was in the winning Tasman Cup team for school-boys two years in a row as sweeper.

He decided to defer his Physical Education course at Kuringgai College until next year to concentrate full time on the World Youth Championships.

"Soccer takes up every day at present," he explains. "The World Youth Championships are an opportunity for world-wide coverage that is unique — a one-time event."

"It's the first and maybe the last time Australia will be in it — and I can't miss that opportunity."

"It could be the turning point for us to prove where soccer is going in Australia. It's our opportunity to show the world we can organise a large international tournament and regain some status in the soccer world."

"Personally, I'm confident. Being both the underdog and the host nation is an advantage. There is a lot of personal pride involved and I believe the boys will rally and give it to them 100 per cent."

Representative soccer has given Robert Wheatley overseas experience and his hope is to develop his ability to the stage where he can play for a European club, which he believes would be more interesting although perhaps not as hard-edged as English club competition.

From his experience as a youth champion in Australia, Robert believes one of our problems in soccer development is the prosperity and diversity of Australian life.

"Australia is a country of distractions for young people — in other sports, or just in relaxing and enjoying life."

AUSTRALIANS CONFIDENT



A strong feeling of confidence pervades the Australian squad as it prepared for its opening match against world champion Argentina at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday.

To a man, the players believe they have an excellent chance of causing an upset.

Fabio Incantalupo says: "We are the most underrated side in these championships, even though we're the home

team.

"Don't be surprised if we reach the quarter-finals!" On these two pages we present the men who will carry Australia's hopes in these championships:



DENNIS COLUSSO (midfielder or forward), joined Marconi at 13 from Smithfield Hotspur and made his senior PSL debut this year. Brother of former Socceroo and Marconi star Rene Colusso, now playing in Italy.



DENNIS IVANAC (goalkeeper), regular member of the youth squad since last year when he played for Delamainac in Perth. He is now with the Australian Institute of Sport team in Canberra.



JIM PATIKAS (midfielder), young Sydney City player who, like Incantalupo, is eligible for the 1983 titles. Started with Leichhardt at under 8, then APIA, Western Suburbs and now Sydney City.



BRETT WOODS (full back), former Auburn junior and senior player, joined Sydney City last year. Was regular NSW junior representative and played for the Australian under 16 team in the Lion Cup in Singapore.



HOWARD TREDINNICK (full back), has been one of the most consistent players of Newcastle KB United since being promoted to the senior team this year in the absence of injured Col Curran. He is the brother of former youth team player Peter Tredinnick, now with Wollongong.



JOHN LITTLE (midfielder), former Altona City junior who switched to PSL club Preston Macedonia early this year. Was top scorer on the youth team's tour of New Caledonia in July.



MARK KOUSSAS (Striker), Sydney Olympic's top scorer with 11 goals this year. Played junior soccer with Ryde RSL, Gladesville Hornaby and Western Suburbs where, during his best goalscoring season, he notched 38 in league and Cup goals. He then joined Olympic, graduating to the senior team through third and second grades.



GRANT LEE (midfielder), scored two of the youth team's six goals against Hong Kong side Caroline Hill in Hong Kong recently. Has come on strongly with the team, and has had a few runs with Sydney City's senior team recently. Started with Lane Cove, then Kuringal where he made his senior debut. Joined the Slickers last year.



FABIO INCANTALUPO (forward or midfielder), had the disappointment of seeing his club, Juventus, relegated to the State League this year, but gained consolation from being included in the youth squad member, at 17 years, he is eligible for the 1983 championships as well. Represented Victoria at under 15, 16, 18, 19 and schoolboy levels.



DAVE SKEEN (defender), played a starring role in St George's recent 1-0 grand final win against Croatia. Started with Berkley Juniors, then Wollongong City before joining the Saints.



Wary of goalies

Blue-eyed, curly-haired Ian Hunter (above), captain of the Australian Youth team, is very wary of goalies.

Hunter is a striker and broke his leg when he collided with the New Zealand goalkeeper in the final of a Pacific tournament late last year. The injury put him out of action until May this year.

He will lead Australia again against top soccer nation Argentina in the first round of the FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday.

Hunter says, "Beating Argentina is our biggest challenge. Argentina tends to worry me more than England which plays more our style of game."

"If we can get past the first round, we will all have a party," he says.

Hunter is not kidding. Australia has drawn two of the toughest possible opponents in Argentina and England as well as Cameroon in the first round.

Hunter played with Marconi in the Phillips League this year, having transferred from Blacktown City. He started playing soccer at the age of five and a half for a Blue Mountains Club.

He went on to play for clubs in Penrith and his school team, Nepean High. His soccer career included representing his state and Australia in numerous under-age teams.

He has been with the Australian Youth Team since its inception, playing in South America, Canada, the United States as well as in New Zealand where he broke his leg.

Apart from soccer, Hunter is a keen surfer. When his soccer commitments allow he would like to complete a club management course which he has nearly completed at the Ryde Hotel/Motel Management School in Sydney.



PAUL KAY (midfielder), another seasoned NSW junior rep. Started with Dapto Juniors, made senior debut with St George and switched to Wollongong this year.



OSCAR CRINO (sweeper), one of the most skilful players in the squad, and builds up attacks from the back. Born in Argentina where he played for San Lorenzo, joined Footscray J.U.S.T. on arrival in Australia, and made senior debut with Juventus. Joined the Australian Institute of Sport this year.

Peter a former rugby player

Peter Raskopoulos, 19, the national youth team's top playmaker from Sydney Olympic who revels in his midfield responsibilities. Peter was named captain of the youth team for its late August four-match international tour to Indonesia and Hong Kong, due to the illness of the regular youth team captain, Ian Hunter.

Born in Greece, Peter (above) came to Australia as a young child and lives in the Southern Sydney suburb of Bardwell Park. His soccer career began at age eight at primary school and thence to the Earlwood Wanderers Club as a centre forward. He also played junior rugby.

But Peter's soccer talent prevailed and he joined Pan-Hellenic at 14 and made his senior debut with Sydney Olympic at 15. Marconi bought him for \$15,000 but he returned to Olympic early in 1981.

Peter Raskopoulos is one of the national youth team squad who is also in the senior national team. When Australia's youth squad for the last World Youth Championship was selected back in 1979, none of them were in the Socceros.

Peter toured North America with the Australian schoolboys team in 1978 and joined the National Youth squad in 1979. He first played for Australia in the senior team in the Dynamo-Zagreb match on Australia Day 1981 (drawing 3-3). In August 1981 he was in the Australian team which trounced Fiji 10-0 at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

Peter Raskopoulos gives an insight into the grinding slog that is the key to championship performance in top sport: "Living out of a suitcase is not as exciting as most people think," he says. "There's been no time for a break of more than a couple of weeks in the last three to four years."

"Just the same, it's good to feel my parents are proud. And my mates take it well, too."

Peter is quietly optimistic about Australia's prospects in the World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup: "We're in there with a fighting chance, and I think we might upset a couple," he says.

Despite the constant round of training and matches in the national league and the national and youth teams, Peter finds time for his interests in board riding, cricket, rugby league and rock music. Snow skiing is an ambition he has yet to find time to fulfill.

Glen's a boat builder



"No matter where I live, I'll always be a Queenslander," says National Youth soccer team goalie, Glen Ahearn, 18, who now plays with Sydney Slickers and lives 'about 10 yards' from Bondi Beach, Sydney.

After starting his soccer career aged four at Fairfield in Sydney, always as goalkeeper, Glen (left) moved to the Gold Coast which he regards as really home.

He played junior soccer there and joined the Musgrove Hill club, moving up to State League for two seasons at age 15 in 1980, he moved into the Phillips League with the Brisbane Lions and for 1981 came south for the Sydney Slickers.

Glen joined the national youth squad in May 1980 and toured Fiji, Israel and Noumea and has been selected in the senior National squad as well.

At present he is concentrating full time on soccer in preparation for the World Youth Championships and

gave up his job as a boat-builder on the Gold Coast to come south for the Sydney Club.

"I learned most of my soccer on the Gold Coast, but international competition has taught me a lot about different styles of play," Glen explains.

"I don't really model myself on anyone, although I have always liked Pat Jennings of Arsenal."

"Australia will perform as a credit to itself in the World Youth Championships. That's the feeling that runs from coach Les Schelmflug all the way down."

"In another 10 years time, we are going to see the public right behind soccer, just like the VFL or Rugby League," he forecasts.

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Baskovic, Courtney, Coelho among tournament referees



Some of the world's top referees will be in charge of matches in the world youth championships.

They include Brazil's Coelho Arnaldo David Cesar who officiated at the senior World Cup in Argentina in 1978, George Courtney who refereed Australia's recent World Cup game against New Zealand in Sydney, and Gianfranco Menegali (Italy),

Tesfaye Gebreyesus (Ethiopia) and Ithuralde Arturo Andres (Argentina) who have served at previous world youth championships.

The first youth final, in Tunis in 1977, was refereed by Michel Vautrot (France). The score was 2-2 after extra time and USSR finally beat Mexico on penalties 6-5.

Brazil's Ramez Wright Jose Roberto refereed the second final, in Japan in 1979. Argentina won that game 3-1 against the USSR.

One of the referees for the Australian series is worth mentioning for his sheer endurance. Stanislas Kamden is from Cameroon and he has two wives and nine children!

This list of referees for the titles contain the following information, in order: country of birth; place and year of their initial referees' exam, year in which they first refereed top division in their country; date of admission to FIFA ranks, languages spoken and employment:



TONY BOSKOVIC / Australia: Croatia 1934 - 1954 - 1958 - 1963 - Mualc - English, Italian, German, Croatian, Russian, and other Sloven Languages - Self employed - Sports Store.



GEORGE COURTNEY / England: Page Bank 1941 - 1962 - 1974 - 1977 - Football - French - Schoolmaster.



ALOJZY JARQUZ / Poland: Rogozno 1934 - 1968, 1965, 1976 - Football, Motoring, tv, light Opera - German - Director of Restaurant.



GIANFRANCO MENEGALI / Italy: Roma 1933 - 1958, 1968, 1970 - Football - French and English - Lawyer.



IGNA IOAN / Rumania: Oradea 1940 - 1973, 1976, 1979 - Football and Light Opera - French - Professor of Chemistry.



JAN REJDELS / German Federal Republic: Wilhelmshafen 1935 - 1952, 1966, 1976 - Swimming - French and English - Land-Official in Niedersachsen.

ANTONIO R. MARQUEZ / Mexico: Mexico 1934 - 1958, 1965, 1979 - Spanish - Engaged in Business.



TOROS KIBRITJIAN / U.S.A.: Aleppo, Syria 1934 - 1967, 1961, 1969 - Backgammon - Spanish, French, Arabic, Turkish - Manufacturer of Ladies' Sportswear and Dresses.



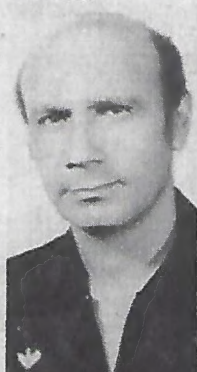
JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ BAZAN / Uruguay: Montevideo 1942 - 1968, 1971, 1974 - Reading/Certificated Engineer - English - Chicken-farmer.



ARNALDO DAVID CESAR COELHO / Brazil: Rio de Janeiro 1943 - 1964, 1967, 1968 - English and Spanish - Tennis - Teaches gymnastics.



JORGE EDUARDO ROMERO / Argentina: Buenos Aires 1939 - 1962, 1972, 1976 - Hunting and Fishing - only his native language - Engaged in Business, Shoemaker's trade.



USSEIN FAHMY BAHIG / Egypt: Cairo 1934 - 1968, 1964, 1976 - Tennis and Chess - English - Civil Servant.



STANISLAS KAMDEN / Cameroon: Battam Mifi 1941 - 1967, 1980, 1982 - Education of Children of Children - French - Engaged in Business in Douala.



LEE WONG-BONG / Korean Rep. / - Chung-chong book Do 1935 - 1962, 1971, 1976 - Mualc - English - Lecturer at Dong-Kuk University.



ROBERT VALENTINE / Scotland: Dundee 1939 - 1960, 1971, 1977 - Badminton and Bowls - English - Composer.



HENNING LUND SORENSEN / Denmark: Aarhus 1942 - 1959, 1970, 1974 - Football - English and German - Engineer.



TOSHIYAZU SANO / Japan: Ibaraki Prefecture 1940 - 1974, 1976, 1979 - Skiing and Swimming - English - Municipal official.



TESFAYE GEBREYESUS / Ethiopia: Dasele 1943 - 1964, 1968, 1967 - Football, Highjump, Boxing - English - some Arabic and Italian - Head of Expediting in the Operations Division of the Ethiopian Transport Construction Authority.



ROMULO MENDEZ MOLINA / Guatemala: Coban, Alta Verapaz 1938 - 1970, 1972 - Running - English - Professor of Physical Education.



GASTON CASTRO MAKUC / Chile: Santiago de Chile 1948 - 1968, 1975, 1977 - Football - English and French -



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NEW ZEALAND SET FOR 1983

Having failed to reach the 1981 Coca-Cola world Youth Championship New Zealand is preparing for the 1983 tournament.

Showing uncharacteristic initiative, the New Zealand FA has succeeded in harnessing the euphoria surrounding its world cup success to secure some notable sponsorship deals, including \$60,000 from the Bank of New Zealand to implement a national youth programme.

The sponsorship is aimed principally at as-

sisting the youth squad's build-up for the Oceania qualifying group to be contested at Port Moresby in December 1982; when New Zealand will encounter Australia, Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

A series of regional tournaments is being planned over the next 14 months, culminating in a play-off between the North, Central and South regions, after which the final national squad will be named.

New Zealand won the last Oceania qualifying tournament, although its triumph was marred by the broken leg sustained by Australian captain Ian Hunter in the final. — PAUL MOON

A treat for photographers

By 'Soccer Action' photographer LES SHORROCK

The cream of the world's sports photographers are in for a treat when they arrive in Melbourne for the World Youth Championship.

Olympic Park's lights, which have lagged behind the S.C.G.'s and V.F.L. Park's in candlepower for so long, will rank as Australia's best as a result of a \$100,000 facelift.

The present units are being cleaned and realigned to shine directly on to the soccer ground and an additional 24 units are being added, to bring the total to 96, with a massive total candlepower of 1200 lux,

which will be more than adequate for the world-wide T.V. coverage and will ensure good colour photography.

Our readers will be able to obtain good, sharp pictures without having to be closer than the fence by following a few simple basic rules.

Using a 300mm or 200mm telephoto lens, take up a position on the fence opposite the grandstand and focus on the area between the penalty spot and the centre of the goal-line.

For black and white pictures, use Kodak Tri-X, and increase the A.S.A. rating setting on your camera to 1600.

Set your shutter speed at 1/500th, and if your camera has a meter in-built you should get an aperture reading of about f5.6

or f8. If not decrease your speed to 1/250th, which should ensure an aperture of f8, the ideal combination. If your camera is an automatic, so much the better, set it at 1/250th and let the camera do the work.

Remember that the light is best in the goalmouth, so don't be ambitious and try for shots in the centre of the ground or on the far touchline.

Don't waste your time using a flash, it won't even reach the playing surface from the outer.

The same applies for colour, as both Kodakcolor 2 and Fujicolor can be 'pushed' to 1600, but when you take your pictures for processing, remember to stipulate that they be processed for the faster rating.



HOW VAVA ROSE FROM THE DEAD

They want to do it for Walt

The U.S. youth team has had its ups and downs during a year of travel around the world, but none of the downs could be attributed to a defense led by Craig Scarpelli.

Scarpelli, a small but quick goalkeeper for the U.S. team, has been the base of a defense that has been amazingly stingy. In qualifying for the world championship the U.S. won three of its preliminary games by "shutouts."

In Colorado Springs, Colorado at the North American Youth Championship, the U.S. blanked Canada 3-0 and lost to Mexico 1-0.

Similarly, in tournaments in Brazil, Switzerland and Mexico, the defense kept the games close and losses were generally attributable to an inefficient attack.

But Scarpelli, who turned 20 this month, thinks his team's chances are still good.

"It used to be that the United States was competing not to be embarrassed," Scarpelli said. "Now we're going to Australia hoping to win. I'm not saying we're going to win — I am saying that we have a chance."

Part of the U.S. hopes will depend on Uruguay, America's first opponent in Brisbane preliminary round matches. Scarpelli knows the U.S. faces a tough task in beating the South American champion.

"In my mind, Uruguay will certainly be the toughest team we face in the preliminary round," he said. "We played against them in a tournament in Brazil in January. They're a basic South American team. They're very quick — buzz around pretty good trying to beat you."

Scarpelli, a 5-foot-11-inch, 165-pounder, feels a certain amount of pressure in representing the U.S. in a world championship, the first time in over 30 years that any U.S. team has participated in a world soccer championship other than the Olympics.

"In a way, there's a lot of pressure on us," he said. "A team like the United States is coming up in the soccer world."

"We have to prove ourselves, to prove that what everyone has heard is for real — we're not a fluke. We want to show the world that Americans can really play soccer."

Scarpelli also feels a responsibility to Walt Chyzowych, coach of the U.S. team, who will be stepping down from that post following the World Youth Championship.

"Walt has meant so much to all of us," Scarpelli said. "We realize that this is his last time around as national coach. We really want to do well for him. We want him to leave on a positive note."

TV inspired him

Television might mean the difference in Mexico's fortunes in the World Youth Championship.

It was television that brought Adrian Chavez, a 6-foot, one-inch goalkeeper for the Mexican team, into the game.

As a youngster, Chavez watched Mexican soccer stars on television and decided at that point to pursue a football career, to be like those stars on television.

So he began playing at the age of five and has progressed to the point that he now represents his country in an international soccer event.

"It's a very good feeling to represent your country," said Chavez. "To wear the national uniform is like a dream."

"I feel a tremendous responsibility as far as the World Youth Championship is concerned. Being the goalkeeper is not easy, but I've worked hard in the past few months and I'm well-prepared. His preparation certainly paid off in the recent North American Youth Championship. Playing against the U.S., Canada and Bermuda, Mexico won all three games to take the championship. All three games were 'shutouts' for Chavez and his teammates.

With that kind of performance, Chavez should be able to meet one of his goals.

"My aim is to make a name for myself," he says. "Then, I'd like to make an international team."

With the success he and his teammates have enjoyed, that shouldn't be too difficult.

If you mention the name Edvaldo Isidoro Neto few would recognize it, but if you say Vava thousands of soccer fans around the world will know it as the nickname of Brazil's highly-spirited centre-forward in the 1958 and 1962 World Cups.

"To be frank with you, if someone ever calls me by my real name, I probably won't even answer back. Not because I'm a snob. It's just that, at times, I

even forget that my real name is Edvaldo. Actually, even my wife and children call me Vava," says Vava, now the head-coach of Brazil's youth team, and assistant-coach to Tele Santana, in the main all-star squad.

When Vava quit his professional career a few years ago, after successful seasons in some of Brazil's most important clubs: Rio's Vasco da Gama, Palmeiras of Sao Paulo and in Spain (Atletico Madrid), Mexico (America) and the United States (San Diego Toros), Vava began a coaching career.

So far, no impressive accomplishments, he admits. Hardly anyone has heard from him in the past few years. When he was playing in the United States, in the twilight of his career in the late 60's, there was even a rumor that he had died.

The word quickly spread all over Brazil. Radio and television stations stopped their normal transmissions to announce the sad news.

"I was at a bar drinking beer with some friends in California, when a reporter from a news agency finally spotted me," Vava recalls. "He said, 'So you're not dead, Vava.' I said, what do you mean by that? He then explained what was happening. I immediately called my wife in Brazil and told her I was still kicking."

At 49, Vava (pronounced Vah-Vah) was personally selected by coach Tele Santana to be his assistant in the Brazilian all-star team. His tasks would also include taking command of the junior team. He gladly accepted the challenge:

"I think it is wonderful to work with youngsters. They listen to you, they respect you. They know what you're telling them must have some truth in it. After all, your experience in the game, on and off the field, is a part of history. The minute I was introduced to my players, I told them flatly: Whoever wants to play on my team must remember one important thing: I hate sissies. My player has to be real 'macho'. He has to act like a man."

But, of course, Vava has his favorites on his fingertips. Some are already stars in their own pro teams, although very young. Vava makes an analysis of his key players:

"Paulo Roberto, the right back, only 19. His team, Gremio of Porto Alegre, is the Brazilian 1981 champion. And in the final match, in Sao Paulo, before a packed stadium, he played like a veteran."

Right-wing Lela has a bright future ahead of him. He is also 19. He is quick. A good dribbler and intelligent. We trust that he will confirm what we're saying of him, in Australia."

"Pedro Verdum and Marcelo, both 18, are excellent scorers. I have been giving them chances as center-forward. While Marcelo has a more refined technique, Pedro Verdum is more of a fighter, like me in the old days. Depending on how the opponent plays, I may start with either one. For the time being, Marcelo is the starter."

"Mauro Galvao, the team captain, is our centre-half. Although he is only 19, he has good experience. In 1979, when Internacional won the Brazilian championship, he was already part of the team, at seventeen. He is a natural-born leader."

In short, Vava thinks Brazil stands a very good chance of winning the coveted Coca-Cola Cup for the first time. Since he does not know much about his opponents. He does not want to make guesses as to which is the strongest.

"By experience, I admit that Argentina and Uruguay will be tough teams to beat, if they cross into our way."



Richard Miranda (right) of Makedonia tries in vain to reach the ball as JUST goalkeeper Dennis Boland pounces. Others in the picture, from left: Rob Cullen, Johan Verweij, Slobodan Popovic. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

New Zealand, China draw

PEKING — China and New Zealand played a scoreless draw in the World Cup Asian-Oceania qualifying soccer match here.

The Chinese will meet New Zealand in a return match on Oct. 3 in Auckland.

The official Xinhua news agency said the game drew 63,000 people at the 80,000-seat Peking Workers' outdoor stadium.

The game was the first elimination match of 12 between the four Asian-Oceania zone group winners: China, New Zealand, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia.

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Makedonia's Ljubo Petrovski gets up high to beat JUST goalkeeper Dennis Boland and Slobodan Popovic during their challenge match on Sunday. Makedonia won 3-2.

Spain the aim for skipper Mauro Galvao

When coach Enio Andrade of Porto Alegre's international club decided that he could lose the finals of the 1979 Brazilian championship unless he changed his centre-half, he decided to take the chance.

So he called on then 17-year-old Mauro Galvao, and asked if he felt ready to take part in the finals.

"Why not?" asked Galvao, now the 18-year-old captain of Brazil's team in the FIFA World Youth Championship. "There is nothing to it once you know how to play."

Andrade was impressed with the answer.

"It really wasn't his answer that impressed me," said Andrade.

"It was the way he delivered it. He sounded as if I was talking about playing in an important 'toy' game."

Mauro Galvao went on to help international win its third Brazilian championship in five years that season and earned "Rookie of the Year" praise, although he only played four games.

His calm approach was brought on by his background. "I was a poor boy and I always thought the best way of change that picture was by succeeding in my football career," he said.

Therefore, if I want to get rich some day, I can't afford to get nervous, ever. Getting nervous means you're not ready and I'm always ready."

Since his first game, Galvao has been a regular member of Internacional's main line-up. He suffered a painful injury this year but says he is ready to recover the lost time.

When Tele Santana was appointed head coach of Brazil's all-star team, he selected Galvao as part of the group. During a league match in Rio Grande Do Sul, the teenage star injured one of his knees and lost his chance with Santana.

"It (the knee injury) is no problem," Galvao said. "I'm 100 percent again. And I know Mr Santana will call me back to be part of the main team if I prove I've regained my shape. After all, my most immediate dream is to help Brazil win two trophies — the Coca-Cola cup in Australia and the World Cup in Spain next year. Of course, I want to be on each team."

Galvao says Brazil is ready to win in Australia, although he respects strong teams such as Italy, Poland, Spain, and Uruguay.

"I still predict our victory," he said. "When I'm on, I don't like to play second fiddle."



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Rob
CULLEN
(Makedonia)

Jimmy
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(Ajax)

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ADAMS
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Carl
GILDER
(Croatia)

Bill
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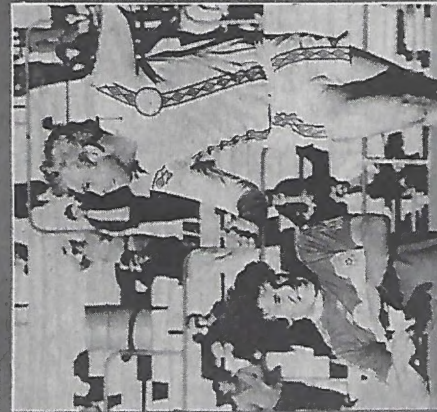
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19 Rob Stewart (F'ton)



22 Paddy
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9 Stuart Cunningham (Juve)
7 Kevin Innes (Altona)



10 Gordon
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(Green Gully Ajax)
8 Noel Mitten (Croatia)
8 Brian Sinclair (R'wood)



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What's the amazing way to get the chief constable

Tommy Docherty stretches his legs across a corner of the boardroom table and twirls a glass of wine with his fingers. It should be vintage champagne because the loquacious Scot is at his bubbling best.

Suddenly, there is a dew-drop freshness about Preston North End the old familiar home of a once-prolific Lancashire club. Season tickets are being snapped up by eager hands.

A poster glued to the box-office window says it all: "The Doc's back—join him!"

What is it about this amazing fellow that he is still in demand after a roller-coaster career in the game and out of it? A perjury trial at the Old Bailey is pending. He could go to prison. Yet Preston have given him his 12th job in management and are thrilled to bits.

Docherty's strength has always been a marvellous rapport with the man on the terraces, a skin as tough as buffalo hide and the nerve and wit to

make fun of his own indiscretions.

He is much sought after as a raconteur. Recently, I shared the top table with him at one of those gatherings where sporting enthusiasts meet. He had them rolling in the aisles with anecdotes like "I promised Rotherham United I'd take them out of the Second Division. I did... into the Third."

His forthcoming court case is a worry but he was happy enough to play a game of bowls with the chief constable of Preston the other day. "I told him 'This is a hell of a way to take finger-prints,'" chuckled the "Doc".

Why does he keep bouncing back? "Because I never let anything get me down... and because I'm a good manager."

"Half the managers in the game can't sleep when I get the sack. They thought I was out of the way in Australia—but I knew I'd be back."

"There aren't too many good managers around. Paisley and Clough... they're the best. Can't argue with their records. McMonaghy, Robson, Saunders... they're good, too. The rest are scratching around."

Even Ron Atkinson, an ex-territory of the Docherty mould, now in charge of "Doc's" beloved Manchester United? "He's talking a good

game at the moment. Let's wait until the season starts."

He is briefly scathing in his assessment of Dave Sexton, the man who followed him at Old Trafford and was sacked at the end of last season. "I admire the club for sacking him when he'd won seven games at the end of the season. But he was never good enough for United from the day he was appointed."

At 53, the "Doc" is as sharp-tongued as ever. He is preparing a book that will have the lawyers burning the midnight oil and send skeletons tumbling out of cupboards.

His opponents in the game demand to know what gives him the right to sound off when his own career has been so chequered. "I've done managerial jobs in 20 years."

That rasping Scots voice fires another salvo of arguments, for and against. "I've helped myself get the sack a few times but it's always been their loss, not mine."

"Twelve jobs? I could have been one of the longest-serving managers in the game. If Joe Meares was alive, I'd still be at Chelsea, where I started."

"He was a hell of a chairman. He told me 'Tom, I know nothing about the game and my directors know a damned sight less.'"

"Perhaps one of my mistakes has been to see directors

like that, not to consider enough their place in the club. If I was starting again, with the experience I have now, I would confide in them more."

Having said that I don't honestly believe I've had a bad chairman in my career."

"Big Louis Edwards was different. Class. Manchester United will never replace him. His only fault as a chairman was that he kept offering me money to buy players!"

The wise-cracks, the one-liners tumble from his lips. He knows he is good copy. He is his own PR man.

Ask him what he has to offer Preston and he says: "Complete dedication to the job. 20 years of managerial experience, a team playing entertaining stuff... and a million pound worth of publicity!"

His tongue has landed him in trouble often but he will never change. "Questions deserve answers," he says. "The trouble is, sometimes I don't give the answers people want to hear."

"When I was manager of Scotland (five jobs ago) I went to watch Celtic play Inter-Milan. A Celtic fan met me on the way in and asked 'How do you think it will go tonight, Tom?' I replied: 'I think it'll be a draw'."

"He said 'What do you know about football?' See what I mean?"

If he has one regret it is that he is no longer in charge at Old Trafford. His five years as Manchester United's ebullient boss were the highlights of his career.

"They're still the greatest club in the world," he says. Old Trafford is the only ground where you can walk out to the centre circle when the place is deserted and it still oozes atmosphere."

"Old Trafford is the London Palladium. Depledge may be the Glasgow Empire but you can still put on a show. It's all a matter of adjusting."

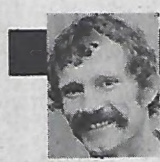
The world knows that United fired him because of his love affair with the wife of the club's physiotherapist. He does not regret his actions, only that he is no longer United's leader. The fans still pepper him with mail.

But Preston, too, has a cherished place in his heart. "I had nearly 10 wonderful years here as a player—three of my kids are Prestonians... I was in the dugout for 10 years... the ground was heaving every week."

"When I came back it was as if I had never been away. Now the wheel has turned full circle, I hope this is my last job."

And he left me with a promise. "My teams enjoy themselves. I guarantee Preston will win one thing this season... friends."

AGNIFICENT MARTON!



Mike Johnson

St George's Dez Marton the NSW Rothmans Medal winner for 1981 is the best striker I have seen in my years in Australia.

I arrived in Australia too late to see the best of Herbert Ninnas and Leo Baumgartner, legendary strikers of the late 50s and early 60s.

However since that time I have not seen a striker with the range of skills which Marton possesses.

At 33 his best days are obviously behind him. Nevertheless, if St George does make the national league next year I am quite sure Marton would be the top striker in the competition.

It surprises me that he has not made more of an impact in his own country.

"You are right," said Frank Ark St George's coach. "He was never a smash in First Division and do you know why?"

"I will tell you. It was because he would not leave his home town. I have told him he was a stupid idiot. If he had gone to Belgrade, to Red Star who wanted him he would have been one of the biggest players in Yugoslavia."

"But he liked his small town of Subotica and that is where he preferred to stay and played all of his career in our Third and Second Divisions with Spartacus Subotica and Sever Subotica."

In every season since he was a teenager Marton has never failed to score less than 20 goals in a season.

This year at St. George he scored 38 goals, despite being a continual substitute with a foot injury for more than a year.

Marton's incredible goalscoring ability was highlighted



Dez Marton

during this period when he won several games for Saints after being brought into the attack as a substitute with only about 15 minutes to play.

Marton had a badly damaged instep which caused considerable pain when shooting.

I saw one game against Manly when a stuttering St. George was unable to break a stubborn Manly defence.

Late in the game came a limping Marton to score two goals in seven minutes then limp back to the bench, his job done.

Marton is more than just a goalscorer. He has delightful close control and fine dribbling skills. His dribbling is incisive.

He continually gets past players, not performing congos in front of opponents as some dribblers are inclined to do.

Marton has been able to get past two and three defenders, one after the other, consistently this season, often finishing with shots which found the net.

His shooting is so powerful and accurate. I cannot say I have seen better.

I even managed to compare it with the great Jimmy Greaves of England and the even greater Gerd Muller of West Germany.

If that seems a ridiculous comparison, believe me it is not. This man is a great player.

Arak, who has travelled the world watching soccer and coached it for two decades in Yugoslavia went on to tell me that Marton had had the ability

to score his many goals at the very highest level of the game. If only he had given himself the chance.

If people in this country rate Kenny Boden as a good striker, as he is, I would say that Marton is at least twice as effective as Boden.

He plays the game in a similar fashion to Boden, but he is so much more powerful in his dribbling, shooting and heading.

Boden and Marton possess the same coolness in the penalty box, but Marton has the intuition of the truly great goalscorer and the touch of a truly great soccer player.

How pundits at the Rothmans' night could put others ahead of him when bets were being taken on the winner and how Sutherland's Nigel Groome and Saints' Peter Stone, excellent players though they both are, got within one point of Marton on the eventual winning list I never will know.

During 1981 Dez Marton was in a class of his own among soccer players in NSW and that included those playing in the Philips League teams.

He is a joy to watch and I hope that he will be used on the national league scene next year so others around the country will see a truly outstanding striker in action.

He calmly slotted it past the helpless Slack.

Ian McNeil gave Hakoah a glimmer of hope when he scored from 10 metres out in the 82nd minute but Heidelberg without Hakoah's late pressure to run out a deserved winner.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Rossi back for Spain

Paolo Rossi, the Italian 1978 World Cup centre-forward star, will "definitely play in Spain if Italy qualify," says manager Enzo Bearzot. To help Rossi get match fit in time, the Italian F.A. have cut a month off his suspension, giving him a fine of 2,500 pounds instead. Banned Rossi can play again in April 1982.

From JIM COOK our European correspondent



Former Scottish international keeper George Wood who costs from 150,000 pounds, wants a move after making only 11 first team appearances for Terry Neill's Gunners.

Archie Gemmill now out of contention for a spot in Scotland's international and World Cup line-ups is being mooted for a back-room post with Jock Stein should he get his team to Spain. But no official response has come from Jock for such an appointment.

Brian Clough and his assistant Peter Taylor have offered themselves for a one match trial in charge of England's humiliated international soccer team. The offer is likely to be ignored rather than rejected.

George Best may be tempted back to Britain after his club San Jose Earthquakes conclude their world tour next month.

After his disastrous start with Spurs and his slip-ups for England against Norway it looks like the end of the international road for Ray Clemence.

Charlie George, the Southampton striker, has joined British players Mel Blyth and Barry Daines with Hong Kong club Bulova.

Notts County signed Finnish international midfielder Aki Lahtinen from OPS Oulu for a fee of 120,000 pounds.

Middlesbrough signed Dutch international midfielder Heine Otte of SC Twente for 125,000 pounds after a two match trial.

International match details

WORLD CUP
Bucharest — World Cup European qualifying group 4
Rumania 1 (Ticianu 67) Norway 0
HT-0-0. Att: 50,000. Ref: Goksel (Tur)
Rumania: Cristian — Negrea, Simes, Stefanescu, Munteanu — Ticianu, Baldeanu, Balci (Milan 62) — Cristian, Cametaru (Scuru 89), Radacanu.
Norway: Amundsen — Kordahl, As, Pedersen, Grosvold, Hansen, Berntsen, Gløse (Brandthug 75), Dokken — Mathisen, Oakland (Davies 44).
Copenhagen — World Cup European qualifying group 5
Denmark 3 (Rostved 58, Arnesen 61, Bastrup 88) Italy 1 (Graziani 67)
HT-0-0. Att: 35,000. Ref: Wohler (Aust)
Denmark: Oviat — O. Rasmussen, Rostved, Busk, Lerby — Olsen (Ejgenbrod 78), Bertelsen, Arnesen, Simonsen, Bastrup, Eljager-Larsen.
Italy: Zoff — Gantillo, Collovati, Scirea, Cabrini, Marini (D'ossana 67), Tardelli, Antognoni — Conti, Graziani, Bettiga (Ancelotti 67).
Stockholm — World Cup European qualifying group 6
Sweden 1 (Borg 50 pen) N. Ireland 0
HT-0-0. Att: 21,431. Ref: Bergamo (It)
Sweden: Thomas Ravelli — Fredriksson, Hyman, Björnsen, Ericson — Persson, Jörgen Nilsson (Torbjörn Nilsson 69), Björnsen, Svensson.
N. Ireland: Jennings — J. Nichol (McGilland 62), C. Nichol, J. O'Neill, Nelsen — M. O'Neill, McCree, McIlroy — Cochrane, Armstrong, Hamilton (Spencer 70).
Budapest — World Cup European qualifying group 4
Hungary 1 (Geras 44) England 3 (Brooking 18.65, Keegan 72 pen)
HT-1-1. Att: 62,000. Ref: Casarin (It)
Hungary: Kadar — Marton, Birt, Geras, Varga — Muller (Korotj 54), Nyilas, Mucha — Fazekas (Bodonyi 61), Kisa, Torocskai.
England: Clemence — Hill, Thompson, Watson, Mills — Robson, Coppell, Brooking (Willis 72), McDermott — Mariner, Keegan.

Linz — World Cup European group
Austria 5 (Prohaska 16.18, Krandl 48, Weitz 55, Jurin 60) Finland 1 (Vahvas 71)
HT-3-0. Att: 27,500. Ref: Jarguz (Pol)
Austria: Feurer — Dhanich, Pazzy, Weber, Mirmeg — Hattenberger, Prohaska (Kruza 80), Jara — Weitz, Krandl, Jurin.
Finland: Huttunen — Halli, Lathinen, Valtanen, Houtonen — Ikaalainen, Virtanen, Kousa, Turunen — Dahlund, Valves.
Oslo — World Cup European group 1
Norway 1 (Devidsen 88) Switzerland 1 (Barberis 65)
HT-0-0. Att: 18,000. Ref: Schloviski (R)
Norway: Amundsen — Pedersen, Asa, Kordahl, Grondalen — Harald Mathisen 73, Gløse, Hansen (Devidsen 83) — P. Jacobsen, Oakland, Lund.
Switzerland: Zwickler — Luedi, Zappa, Egli, Herbert Hermann — Wehrli, Hottacker, Schelwiler — Elsener (Zwickler 61), Barberis (Malsen 88), Sulzer.
Stockholm — World Cup European qualifying group 6
Sweden 3 (Björnsen 40, Hyman 55, Svensson 72) Portugal 0
HT-1-0. Att: 34,531.
Sweden: Thomas Ravelli — Fredriksson, Ericson, Björnsen, Hyman, Peter Nilsson, Björnsen, Andrae Ravelli (Hallén), Sjoberg, Persson (Thomas Nilsson), Svensson.
Portugal: Bento — Simoes, Gabriel, Pietra, Costa, Alves, Carlos Manuel, Costa, Alves (Souza), Nene, Manuel Fernandes (Chalana).
WORLD CUP Qualifying South American group 3
Paraguay 10 (3) (Michelagnoli, Morel, Romero) Ecuador 10 (1) (Figueroa)
Paraguay: Almeida, Espinola, Paredes, Alfuch, Torres, Florentin, Benitez, Romero, Isai, Diarte (Michelagnoli 64).
Ecuador: Delgado, Pariza, Paz, Figueroa, Valencia, Tenorio (Burbano), Paredes, Parra, Quinones, Cerra, Naves.
Paraguay 0 Chile 10 (1) (Yanez)
Paraguay: Almeida, Espinola, Paredes, Alfuch, Torres, Florentin, Benitez, Romero, Isai, Michelagnoli (Diarte), Morel (Cabana).

Chile: Ouben, Garrido, Figueroa, Valenzuela, Bigorra, Bonvallet (Nera), Soto, Dubo, Moscoso, Cartas, Yanez (Rojas).
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Shiners, West set to unite

A powerful new soccer club is to emerge next year through the amalgamation of Sunshine City and Western Suburbs.

Sunshine's members will vote on the merger at a meeting on October 7. From members' reactions, I'm fairly certain it will go ahead," Sunshine president Tommy Reid said.

"Western Suburbs have met already, and their members are 90 per cent in favour."

Sunshine, which has been in the State

League since 1975, missed out on its greatest honor on Sunday when it lost to Ajax in the final of the Dockerty Cup.

West's, formed through amalgamation between West Sunshine and ICI Deer Park in 1980, had its only State League season last year but was relegated.

It finished third in First Division this year, narrowly missing out on promotion.

"Both clubs have lost supporters and members over recent years, so we want to consolidate our remaining strength and build on that," Mr Reid said.

West's offer Sunshine their Greek support and Sunshine offers a good ground and social club at Chaplin Reserve in Anderson Road.

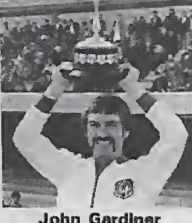
West's Ralph Street ground, ringed by houses, is unsuitable for development.

Amalgamation would pool all senior, reserve and junior players of both clubs, resulting in a much stronger senior team and a new youth side.

Increased support would boost income, especially through the social club.

West's top players are player-coach Billy Vojtek, Mike Glykokalamas and Mark Karapatsos, both formerly of Heidelberg-Alexander, Andy Segi, formerly of Ajax, and Daxi Kypridis.

Sunshine discussed possible amalgamation with neighboring club Albion Rovers for two years, but the talks broke down last season.



John Gardiner

Evans, Gardiner for top awards?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

John Gardiner is a red hot favorite to win the 1981 Bill Fleming Medal for the Victorian State League player of the year.

The Victorian press awards, incorporating the Bill Fleming Medal, will be made at Melbourne's City and Overseas club this Friday night, October 9.

South Melbourne Hellas looks likely to scoop the PSL section of the awards.

Radio station 3EA's Victorian PSL Player of the Year award looks likely to go to Hellas captain Alun Evans, widely regarded as one of the most professional players in the league.

Evans has led the Hellas front line with distinction this year, finishing the season with 14 goals, two behind PSL top scorer Gary Cole of Heidelberg. And in "Soccer Action's" Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award Evans polled 80 votes, 19 more than nearest team mate Branko Buljevic.

John Zvendorn of Heidelberg looms as Evans's strongest challenger. He finished with 72 votes in the Yugoslav Airlines award making him the highest Victorian votegetter.

Chris Bambridge must be confident of winning his second successive Referee of the Year award, sponsored by Stock Brandy.

He gained his full FIFA referee's badge this year and refereed his second Phillips Cup Final so he must be odds on to clinch this prestigious award.

But the night revolves around the presentation of the Bill Fleming Medal.

Gardiner won the medal in 1972 as a George Cross player. He won his second Rothmans Medal in the same year but 1972 marked the start of a player award drought for the classy Ajax winger.

Should Gardiner win he will become the second consecutive Ajax player to do so. Jimmy Dunne, now with Brisbane City in the PSL, was the 1980 winner.

The main challengers to Gardiner appear to be 1981 Rothmans Medalist Charlie Egan of Frankston City and razor sharp George Cross striker Bobby Toal but there are a host of players capable of polling well. Among them are Ged Bannan from George Cross, Gus Macleod from Ajax, Paddy Bannan and Dave Brogan from Croatia and Ian Loughnane from Croydton.

There are six journalists on the panel to decide the 1981 Bill Fleming Medal winner. Voting usually is on a 6-5-4-3-2-1 basis. One of the journalists indicated to me that he will give his top marks to Ringwood's Wilhelmina winger Brian Sinclair.

The criterion for judging is open to the individual whim of each journalist. In other words there is no agreed board definition of what is meant by the phrase "Player of the Year."

That makes for an exciting and often controversial selection. Nonetheless the Bill Fleming Medal remains as one of the most prestigious awards in Victorian soccer.

But Zvendorn's claim to fame rests upon his recognition as the best sweeper in the Soccerro squad. Before he was suspended of course. Nevertheless the controversy surrounding his suspension from international duty has little to do with the judging of this award. On merit alone Zvendorn lays a strong claim to the title of Victoria's player of the year.

Zvendorn's team mate Gary Cole topped the PSL top scorer's list for the second consecutive season and must come into calculations.

Hellas star Alan Davidson is the best performed Soccerro player of 1981. While our World Cup hopes crumbled around him Davidson continued to give a series of inspiring performances for his country.

Dennis Boland of Footscray J.U.S.T. held his side together in the first half of the season. Any judges looking for a J.U.S.T. player to give votes to would almost certainly pick out the often brilliant Boland. And it's unlikely that any of his team mates will take votes away from him.

"Soccer Action's" Victorian under-21 Player of the Year award surely must go to Hellas stopper Steve Blair.

For Blair 1981 must be the pinnacle of his career to date. He was well established as the central defensive figure in the Australian youth team and raised his stocks for this award when he settled into the full Soccerro line-up like an accomplished veteran.

There's no other player in this state who can match Blair's under-21 achievements although Heidelberg's Charlie Yankos, Preston Makedonia's John Little, Juventus striker Fabio Incantato and perhaps young Frankston keeper Dave Gilbert are others who may do well in the voting.

Green Gully Ajax manager-coach Bobby McLachlan must think that it's just about time for him to gain the critical acclaim which every coach would enjoy. If that's so I think McLachlan's right. He should

The Lewis lads sew it up

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Paul Lewis, Peter Lewis) SUNSHINE 0. Dockerty Cup Final at Olympic Park. MATCH RATING: 7. Referee: Fearn 5.

AJAX: Denis 8 - Peter Lewis 7, Gardner 7, Connell 7, G. Bennett 5 - Green 7, A. Bennett 6, Vassallo 6, Williams 7 - Macleod 6, Morrey (Lip, Paul Lewis 20th St).

SUNSHINE: Connell 6 - Dwyer 6, Ellis 6, Scott 7, Taylor 8 - Musall 7, Nelson 6, Laving 6 - Bain 7, Pate 6, McRobert 5 (Musall 60th).

Two Lewis's and stout defence stood in the way of Sunshine winning the Dockerty Cup for the first time.

That honor was reserved for State League Ajax which withstood an aggressive, fighting display from underdog Sunshine.

Ajax opened in a 4-2-2 formation with Gus Macleod and Bill Morrey up front but it was Sunshine which took the initiative from the start.

Attacking down its right side with Frank Muscel prominent the Shiners had the better strikes at goal in the first half hour.

Muscel got free down Ajax's left in the 14th minute and hammered the ball over the bar. Seconds later Norrie Pate couldn't connect cleanly with a shot from 12 metres after good work by Roger Bain out wide.

Ajax hit back through Kilt Grechan who robbed Chris Taylor on the edge of the Sunshine area but his misdirected long shot was parried for a corner by Alan Connell.

Then Pate neatly pulled down the ball and turned inside a defender. He laid the ball into Muscel's path but the Sunshine midfielder's hard, low shot was well held by Lou Deays.

Stuart Canpell mistimed a clearing header in the 20th minute, sending the ball over Denis's head toward the Ajax goal. In jumped Peter Lewis to head out for a corner as Deays desperately tried to recover.

Ajax looked shaky at the back and there were gaps galore on its left side.

When Billy Morrey hobbled off to be replaced by Paul Lewis things seemed to be turning sour for the 1981 State League champion.

But Lewis didn't take long to get into the game. Willie Vassallo broke up a Sunshine move on the half line and took off for goal. He played the ball to Paul Lewis on a diagonal across the Shiners' area. Lewis rounded Mike Dixey and slotted the ball just wide of the

far post as Contini came out to narrow the angle.

Just when it seemed that the teams would go into the interval locked together Deays punted the ball downfield. It took one bounce as Dixey set himself to clear. The Shiners' right back took a swipe at the ball but missed it completely. Who was lurking at his back but the razor sharp Paul Lewis. He turned as Contini advanced and cleverly curled the ball over the head of the Sunshine keeper and into goal.

Within seconds of the kick-off referee Fearn whistled for half time.

Sunshine was unlikely to go in a goal down at the interval. Ajax couldn't get going in mid-field while Steve Ellis stuck close to Macleod throughout the opening 45 minutes.

Ajax had to soak up a five minute period of Sunshine pressure starting in the 60th minute. It seemed that this was the Shiners' last fling as they pumped high balls into the Ajax area but couldn't break through.

Ajax looked threatening on the break and Macleod just failed to send Paul Lewis through in the 60th minute. Five minutes later Macleod broke through himself but just as he prepared to shoot Sunshine defender Steve Scerri pulled off a last minute lunging side tackle to clear.

Then Steve Ellis played a terrible ball to the feet of the unsuspecting Dixey who couldn't control. The ball bounced free behind him and Paul Lewis was off once more. Lewis strode confidently toward the advancing Contini but instead of sealing the game he chipped too high.

The sealer wasn't far away though. It came in the 81st minute when Kilt Grechan took a short corner to Jim Williams. He crossed high into the Shiners' area and Contini punched to the feet of Vassallo about 20 metres from goal. As Contini struggled to recover Vassallo chipped the ball over his head. Peter Lewis was standing about two metres off the Shiners' goal line and he rose powerfully to head in.

And that was that! Ajax should have extended its lead when Macleod beat Contini to Ellis's pass back and tapped it into goal. Strangely referee Fearn ruled that Macleod's foot was raised too high, endangering Contini. I thought the goal was good but it didn't really matter for Ajax had added the Dockerty Cup to its State League championship and Ampol Cup haul in 1981.

Socceroo Promotions will run an international indoor soccer tournament at Melbourne's Festival Hall in November.

The five-a-side competition, with \$800 prize money, will feature teams representing Australia, Croatia, England, Macedonia, Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia, Scotland, Malta, Poland, South America and Turkey.

Attack Sports in Albury are sponsoring the colorful strips of each side and Recreational turf Melbourne is

Nations clash

part sponsor of a \$20,000 synthetic turf playing field.

The tournament will be held over four nights, November 13, 14, 20 and 21. There will be six games each night culminating in a grand final and play-offs on the final night.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for pensioners and children.

Socceroo Promotions have asked the VSF for permission to use officials from the Australian Referees Association.

A major sponsor is being sought for the annual tournament and companies interested in sponsoring one of the teams can contact Ollie Norris on 792 8348 during business hours.

Advertising banners will ring the arena which will have a seating capacity of almost 4500.

Commentary during each night will be made by well known Melbourne soccer comedian Joe Docherty.

Mighty Makedonia

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Kojic, Lujic) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3 (Brown 2, Boyle). Challenge match at Schintler Reserve. MATCH RATING: 8. Referee: Henderson 8.

J.U.S.T.: Boland 8, Hazabent 8, Kakantonis H.T., Kyriakoulas 7, Mine 7, Kondoritis 8, Jovanovic 6, Kojic 7, Havel 7, Colic 6 (Verwell H.T. 6), Popovic 6, Lujic 6.

MAKEDONIA: Clayton 8, Rainey 7, Beach 6, Petrovski 7, Favallo 7, Boyle 9, Whittle 8, Brown 9, Milne 6 (B. Coyle 70th), Farrell 7, Culter 6.

Preston Makedonia ran out a 3-2 winner to clinch the best of two challenge match series. The first game, at Connor Reserve the previous week, ended in a 2-2 draw.

Any notion that this was going to be one of those meaningless out-of-season practice matches was quickly dispelled in the opening five minutes.

Igor hazabent set up Bruno Corzella for the easiest of scoring chances but the J.U.S.T. youngster couldn't control, allowing the Makedonia defence to clear.

Doug Brown changed the pattern of play in the 28th minute with a glorious goal. Alan Whittle won a throw on the right, found Peter Boyle who set up Brown for a stunning first time volley from the corner of the box, giving Dennis Boland no chance.

Makedonia had its tail up and put the J.U.S.T. defence under immense pressure for 10 minutes but against the run of J.U.S.T. import Milan Kojic picked up a loose ball on



Peter Boyle

the right, ran about 20 metres and calmly belted the ball past Gary Clayton to level.

Brown struck again five minutes into the second half, powerfully heading past Boland after the J.U.S.T. defence allowed Isaac Farrell to carry the ball about 30 metres down the right before crossing.

Makedonia's midfielders got right on top with Boyle out-

standing while the J.U.S.T. defence, with Kondoritis up-field looking for the equaliser and Slobodan Popovic sweeping, was in tatters.

Boyle scored a simple goal in the 70th minute to make it 3-1 then Boland, gallant to the last, saved at the feet of Whittle who had tried to walk around him with the ball.

Zdravko Lujic made a brief re-appearance in the action when he won a corner. Clayton completely missed with his punch from the corner and Lujic nudged the ball home in the ensuing goalmouth scramble.

That was nine minutes from time and too late for J.U.S.T. to level.

The day belonged to Makedonia and to Dougie Brown in particular, he of the thunder-bolt left foot. His first goal was dynamic - LES SHOR-ROCK.

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HAL THE HILLMEN!

BOX HILL 3 (Taylor 2, S. Patterson) POLONIA 1 (Marshall) AET. Metro League Cup Final at Egan Lee Reserve.

BOX HILL: Morgan, Roodhouse, Brownlie, Rae, Kravvan, Tolmie, Singleton (McLeod 70th), Valente, Verschie (Lawler 60th) Taylor, Patterson.

POLONIA: Ostrowsky, Liplanski, Javorak, Klein, A. Caporic, Marshall, Wallace, P. Caporic, Sekulski (Gamanaki 60th), Kryvalnik (Pishnor 70th), Lalic.

Champagne corks popped in the Box Hill dressing room after the match but the real vintage stuff was the 110 minutes of supreme effort from both teams.

If ever a match was worthy of a 10 rating this was it! Scores were tied at one goal each at the end of normal time. The crowd was hoarse as both sides lined up for a scintillating period of extra time.

Box Hill had levelled on Alex Marshall first half goal with just three minutes remaining of normal time.

The Hillmen had completely dominated the latter part of the second half and sensed victory when Tay Taylor centred Scott Patterson's cross and drove the ball home. Box Hill took the lead in the 100th minute when Larry Ostrowsky couldn't hold Lawler's shot and Scott Patterson dashed in to tap the ball home inside the near post.

The clincher came when Taylor's solo run ended with his second and the Hillmen's third goal.

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This is the A.E.P. Melbourne team that finished first in the Industrial League Div. 4 West. From left (back row) A. Bakas, F. Kazakis, M. Karageorgiou, T. Kantzidis, G. Kantzidis, L. Ioanfidis, J. Koulioukdis, B. Loris (player-coach), T. Perkovidis. Front: M. Millos, G. Baharakis, J. Felekidis, B. Hatzistayrou, H. Haididis, L. Manlatis. Players are not in picture: M. Arabopoulos, G. Ligidakis, A. Kostas, M. Bakopoulos.

Swinscoe keen to go, Croatia is interested



By WALTER PLESS

Kevin Swinscoe, 22, the Brighton-ICL striker, arrived in Hobart in April this year. It is his second spell in Australia, having previously played for Frankston in Melbourne. He again proved his worth with 10 goals in the Tasmanian State League and four or five in the various cup competition.

Swinscoe was destined for a top-flight professional career when he signed as an apprentice with Nottingham Forest at 16 years of age.

He signed professional forms when he was 18 but it was at that time that he suffered a severe knee injury. He damaged the cruciate ligaments and required surgery.

The doctor advised him not to play again, but he did. The knee felt all right and Swinscoe stayed with Forest for another season.

In 1978, Swinscoe came to Australia to join Frankston City, then coached by Fred Bunce. On his return to England at the end of the season, he played with Grantham Town in the Northern Premier League for a year. He then ran into another former Frankston star, John Taylor, Brighton-ICL's newly appointed coach, who was on a visit to the UK. This led to him coming to Tasmania to strengthen Taylor's championship aspirations.

Swinscoe remains somewhat unsettled in Tasmania, despite Brighton's State League championship win. "Some

people expect too much. The imports here like to play simple, effective football, but the crowds expect to see magic every week."

Swinscoe's scoring record has been good, although he did miss two 'sitters' in the Tasmania versus 'Rest of the World' game. He still has nightmares about that.

His dissatisfaction became public knowledge and it wasn't long before Essendon-Croatia made approaches. He was under contract to Brighton, however, and the club wouldn't let him go.

He is currently employed as an electrical assistant by Brighton's vice-chairman, Jock Crosbie. Swinscoe would still like to get away but is prepared to stay "if the conditions are right."

He attributes Brighton's championship success to the fact that Brighton has the best players. "We've got the most skilful players in the League. And John Taylor's done the job. He's done what he was brought here to do. I've enjoyed his training sessions. Jock Crosbie also has done a tremendous amount for



Kevin Swinscoe (Brighton-ICL) in action against South Hobart. (photo by Peter Van Lierop).

the club. Launceston Juventus is not as skilful as us but it showed more determination. It relied too much on Sawdon and Wormley however!

Concerning the State League, Swinscoe would like to see it stay. He hates the travelling involved but is prepared to do it. It's a change to play on other grounds. If a southern league were formed to replace the State League, he thinks he would become fed up with playing on Hobart's two pitches all the time.

More promotion of the game should be undertaken in the schools, Swinscoe believed.

He would like to see more players going into the schools to teach the game to the kids. The best players in the State need to make themselves more visible to the youngsters on whom the game's future depends. Swinscoe has taken part in soccer promotions in a Hobart shopping centre and he was impressed with the success of such ventures.

Kevin Swinscoe has soccer skill in abundance. Who can forget his performance against Rapid West Point when he went on a mazy run and retained possession for what seemed an eternity, 'nutmegging' Micky Southworth twice in the process? Tasmania can't afford to lose a player of Kevin Swinscoe's calibre. It is to be hoped that conditions will become 'right' and that Kevin will decide to stay. A Tasmanian PSL team could certainly use him!

The case for a bigger State League

By John van Hoboken, president, Ringwood-Wylhelmina

I refer to the Victorian State League meeting when it was decided that clubs should put forward their ideas on how a State League of 16 clubs should be implemented.

I would like to explain once more why I suggested and why I am strongly in favour of increasing the State League to 16 clubs. My principal reasons are:-

1. To once and for all give soccer clubs and players a season which at least is in line with the length of the soccer season in other countries.

As long as we expect to be able to increase the standard of soccer in Australia in a six-month season, which therefore also applies to juniors, we really must expect players in Australia to be supermen.

To expect our supporters to be happy and expect to increase their number for only six months in the season and ask them for the other six months of the year to find something else to do is, to express myself quietly, short-sighted.

2. To give every Club in State League the same length of season so that every club and its players and supporters have an equal and fair deal and the same chance to build up their team, their playing force and their support.

3. To achieve both (1) and (2) above we need to play the Ampol Cup and the Dockerty Cup during the league season, which should start the first weekend in March and finish the last weekend in October or the first weekend in November. This gives us 30 weekends which, if preferred, can be reduced to 25 or 34.

It gives us four, five or six spare weekends.

I would like to see a complete break of two weekends between the first and second round, which would be the third and fourth weekend in June.

European countries have introduced two to four-week breaks in the winter, not only because of the weather, but also to give officials and players a break to put their house in order and players to recover from injuries.

This break is appreciated by supporters who can catch up with a few jobs around the house and attend to family matters.

The experience is that after the break the gate attendances are greater than before the break.

This is also the time to try to contract and transfer players.

As I have suggested before, the Ampol cup games and Dockerty Cup games (starting with the first round) should be played on Wednesday nights.

Ampol Cup

Sixteen clubs should be divided into four groups of four to play the Ampol Cup. Each club in each group should play the other three clubs once. This gives a total of 24 games on 12 nights.

Add one night, for the semi-finals and one for the final, and you have a total of 14 nights.

It should start the first week in March and the final should be played the second Wednesday in June.

Dockerty Cup

Play-offs between the last 32 clubs requires 16 — 8 — 4 — 2 — 1 games, therefore 15 nights plus one night for the final. Start the second Wednesday in July and finish the last Wednesday in October.

Contrary to the opinion of some clubs, I am convinced that a regular Wednesday night game would be a financial success, as attendances would be much greater than, for instance, when the Ampol Cup is played on hot summer nights by unfit teams and when people prefer to go to the beach.

Not only would players and normal club supporters make use of seeing other clubs play, it would also attract former soccer followers who have given the game away as they have found

other interests or commitments for the weekend. It would also attract people who have not followed soccer yet and play or follow another sport on the weekend.

We would create a greater interest in the game.

Olympic Park expenses may be high, but we, with a charge of \$4, would not need many supporters to pay for same.

Playing the Ampol Cup over 14 nights, hence 14 times reports and forecasts in the papers when there is not much sporting news on a Wednesday, would make it possible to obtain large sponsorship. I guarantee personally a sponsorship of \$10,000.

If the Federation is prepared to change the Dockerty Cup into, Sun Alliance Dockerty Cup or Coca Cola Dockerty Cup, I am certain we could obtain another \$10,000 sponsor.

I would like to point out the much larger amount of publicity we would create by starting in early March and playing in October when there is no footy.

I would like to point out the increase of attendance when the weather is pleasant in March and October.

I have always been of the opinion that if soccer in Australia is to succeed and we want to create more local talent, we have to develop soccer in the country.

Soccer in places like Geelong, Shepparton, Morwell, Warrnambool and Wodonga would explode if clubs from these areas would play in the State League.

Like in other sports such as tennis and Aussie Rules, I can see many good juniors being created in the country areas.

The greatest advantage, however, would be that we would receive more publicity as we show progress.

As we have been delayed by the Board which obviously is quite happy to plot along year after year without any progress or new ideas, we are too late to invite country clubs for season 1982.

This would give them only six months to build up their teams to State League standard, which is not long enough.

We therefore must decide now to invite the country clubs to apply for State League status in 1983.

I personally am prepared to help them to acquire the necessary players to do so.

Country Clubs would easily find sponsors if it means playing in the State League and many have excellent facilities.

Before being accepted for 1983 the clubs would have to show they are playing test games against State League teams, that they have reached a proper standard.

Before we invite the country clubs, for instance, not later than 30 November, 1981, I suggest that we avoid any misunderstanding, although it may be a foregone conclusion, we invite the four Victorian National League clubs to disassociate themselves from the National League and rejoin the State League with their first teams.

We have much to offer with a State League set-up as suggested above.

They also have a lot to offer us.

If New South Wales forms a real State League with Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong included, the Sydney clubs would gain and so could soccer throughout Australia.

Let us in the Victorian League give the example and show the other states that we want progress.

For once I ask clubs that usually look after their own interests, or believe they look after their own interests, to have a better and more progressive outlook.

George Town ends Croatia's run

GEORGE TOWN UNITED 4 (Scheibl 22, 63, Wharlick 32, B. Davidson 59) Launceston Croatia 1 (Turner 74). Cadbury Jubilee Trophy final at South Hobart. HT: 2-0. Att: 1200 Ref: B. Masters.

GEORGE TOWN: Jones-G. Farrell, P. Davidson, Olmpt, Coogan-O'Sullivan, Mason (T. Farrell 87), Morley-B. Davidson, Scheibl, Wharlick.

CROATIA: Grainger-Colla, Foden (Hopkins 87), Delac, Ashdown-Brown, Joss, L. Ring (Turner 63)-Bessell, D. Ring, Volmer.

Launceston Croatia's fairytale Cup run came to an abrupt end on Sunday in the final of the 1981 Cadbury Jubilee Trophy when they were defeated 4-1 by George Town United, South Hobart

By WALTER PLESS

was the unlikely setting (both finalists coming from the north of the State) for this unlikely contest.

Both sides had shown giant-killing qualities. George Town, fifth in the Tasmanian State League, had eliminated State League champions Brighton-ICL 3-0 in one semi-final, while Croatia had, against all the odds, disposed of State League runners-up Launceston Juventus 2-1 in the other.

Croatia showed a distinct lack of class and came into the game only for two brief periods, one midway through the first half, the other toward the end of the game. For the rest of the time, George Town showed plenty of speed, power

and authority. Brian Davidson and Scheibl made Croatia's defence look quite pedestrian at times but the team as a whole has had better days.

Scheibl opened the scoring in the 22nd minute following a corner from the right by Coogan. The ball was headed into the goalmouth, confusion reigned, the ball came back off the underside of the crossbar, and Scheibl poked it home. Sloppy, but it broke the ice!

Ten minutes later it was that man, Scheibl again. Cutting in along the goal-line from the right, evading tackles on the way, he rolled the ball across the face of goal where Wharlick was lurking. The all striker had the easiest of tasks slotting the ball home.

Eight minutes into the second half, Scheibl fired a bullet from 30 metres that

Grainger only saw as the ball was coming back out of the net. The fairytale was definitely over. Brian Davidson got in on the act on the hour when he showed an electric burst of speed to round the defence on the right before shooting from the edge of the area. Grainger only could parry and it was left to Scheibl to escort the bouncing ball over the line, allowing his coach to claim the goal. Everyone was now wondering just how many more goals were to come.

Croatia showed that they still had some bite, however, when Bessell played a diagonal ball to substitute Turner on the right corner of the penalty area. Turner struck a vicious cross shot that surprised Jones and lodged in the far top corner of the net.

With only 16 minutes remaining, it was too little too late.

Croatia relied on the long ball throughout but these were mostly wasted as there was no-one there to chase them. George Town tried to bull up methodically, interspersing short passes with long ones for Davidson and Scheibl to chase. Their efforts were often frustrated, however, by poor ball control and many chances went begging because players were taking two or three touches to control passes or to set up shots.

George Town deserved their win but they allowed themselves to be dragged down to the level of their opponents on many occasions. Against classier opposition they may not have got to taste champagne from the trophy at the end of the day.

Ziras wants another crack at Greece

Did you hear the one about the player who read in the newspapers that he was selected for his country but never was contacted by the national federation or coach, never attended a national team training session and eventually was dropped from the squad?

No? Then you should talk to Sydney Olympic's central defender Jim Ziras.

He was picked in Australia's 22-man squad to take on Fiji in the World Cup qualifying game in Melbourne about a month ago.

"I first read in the papers that Soccer Australia coach Les Schofield was coming to Olympic's game against Canberra to watch me and Tony Brennan," said Ziras.

"I had a fitness test before the game but after about 25 minutes I had to go off because of a hamstring injury. When I recovered I read in the papers that I was in the 22 for the game against Fiji.

"Other players got telegrams saying where to go and at what time but I never heard a thing from the ASF. I asked our president John Constantine what was going on and he said he'd find out. He came back to me and told me that the squad was cut down to 18 players and that I had missed out.

"When I saw some of the guys who were in the squad I couldn't believe it. I watched some of them playing against New Zealand in Sydney and I thought they seemed playing for Australia like a joke. This has been my best season yet and I was thrilled when I thought that I was in the Australian squad.

"From what I've seen I think that I can play in any team in Australia. What I needed was experience in the PSL and I've got that with Olympic.

"It's a great feeling playing for this club. You go out on to the park and there are 10,000 people cheering you on. What's the point of playing with a big team like Sydney City in front of only 1,000 spectators?

Ziras was born in Trillick on the west of Ireland and came to Australia with his family in 1967. It was too late in the season for him to sign with Greek club Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic but he trained with one of Canterbury's junior sides. There he was coached by former Pen Helfens left back Bernie Hansen.

Ziras joined Greek amateur club Newton in 1980 and was coached by Andrew Terzopoulos.

"I learnt my skills under Terzopoulos - passing, trapping and what positions to take up on the field. When you're 14 years old you don't know where to go in a game, how to pass. I used to work hard to im-

Dockerty told young star: 'I'll make you the best'

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

proves my game in my own time as well as during training.

"I stayed with Newton for three or four years and joined St. George when I was 17.

"I thought that by joining a better team I would get the chance to learn more. St. George is the best club I've been to. I was playing next to seven Australian internationals. I played only about six full first team games but just playing and training with players like John Warren, Manfred Schaefer, Atti Abonyi, John Stoddart and Bobby Hogg was a tremendous experience.

"I was sent off in the third season there and I was given a three week suspension. I thought, well why stay here? so I went for a kick around in the park but one of the blokes playing there really got stuck in and I was badly injured.

"I needed a cartilage operation and was out for the rest of the season. When I recovered Schaefer put me on the transfer list and I went to Canterbury for \$500. That was in 1978 and I stayed there until 1979 when I went to Greece.

"Canterbury brought two guest players from Greece to play here - Jim Mackopoulos and Zec Lykourinos. They played in the Greek First division and Lykourinos played for Greece. It was through their contacts that I got a chance to go to Greece.

"I went to AEK which had a brilliant team at the time and a top professional set up. I trained there for two weeks but things didn't work out. I don't think they wanted to give what I was asking for. I wanted a house because I had my wife with me and we'd sold our house in Australia to come to Greece. The manager told me on Friday that he'd ring me the following day but there was no phone call on the Saturday.

"Then I tried out with Olympiakos. I played a trial game in midfield, scoring once

and setting up two goals in our 5-3 win. They took down my phone number in Athens and when they rang they told me that they wanted to loan me to another team for a year.

"You see, I was classified as an imported player and a club was allowed only two imports in its team. But after a year was up Olympiakos could take me back because I would be classified as a local player.

"I signed for Aigles, a very poor First Division club. The standard there was about equivalent to our State League but again things didn't work out. The club said that it couldn't afford to pay me. The basic wage was about 25,000 drachmas. That's about \$500 a game.

"So I came back here and Canterbury-Marrickville put \$5000 on my head. That was until they found out that Sydney Olympic was interested. Then the price doubled to \$10,000. I went to the NSW Appeals Board which reduced the fee to \$5000. So I signed for Olympic in 1980.

"But the Appeals Board ruled that should I be sold to an overseas club - Olympic, anything about \$5000 should be split down the middle by Olympic and Canterbury-Marrickville. The first \$5000 goes to Olympic and the rest is divided evenly.

"And I'd like to go back to Greece. I've got a friend who has a contract in Greece and I'll know if anything comes out of it in about three to four weeks time.

"But I'll only go if the club concerned sends me a ticket and guarantees accommodation. It cost me \$10,000 for the five months I spent in Greece in 1979.

"I look for a new challenge and that's what playing with Olympic in the PSL this year has given me.

"When I first heard that Tommy Docherty was going to join us I thought, well, if he knows the game the way people say he does then he'll give me a chance. When he saw me he said that he'd make me the best centre half in the country. I found that hard to believe but Doc taught me so many things - when to support a full back, when to move out of defence. Things no-one taught me before. He helped a lot of players this year and Doug Collins likes to play the same sort of attacking football that Doc favoured.

"When you play soccer all your life you look to try to better yourself. That's why I'd like to try to make it in Greece again. I've tried once before and I know that I can make it there now.

"My contract with Olympic is up on November 30 and there's no option for Olympic to exercise. The club can ask for whatever I want if I get the chance to sign with a Greek club.

"I'm just hoping that I get a chance."

DONCASTER GETS LAND FOR \$100,000 PROJECT

Doncaster Rovers (Vic) are planning a new home on land allocated to them by

the Doncaster and Templestowe Council in Anderson Creek Road. The club committee is aiming to have Rovers playing on their new ground in season 1983.

The club received a setback when its previous set of plans were rejected by council but the new development committee, which was formed in May, moved quickly to have new plans and a re-drafted submission put to council for presentation to the leisure services committee.

With council assistance, finance generated by sponsorship and a members' co-operative, the club hopes to have Stage one of the building programme implemented early next year.

This programme has been planned over four stages which will take a period of years to complete.

However, Stage one is the club's first priority, consisting of changing rooms, referee rooms, toilet facilities, canteen and a social area costing \$100,000.

The club is also negotiating to acquire land belonging to the Education

Department which adjoins the council land.

If successful, this block would accommodate two full junior-side grounds, giving the club three pitches for its 17 junior teams, three senior teams and one ladies' team.

The club would then eventually give up occupation of Donvale Reserve, allowing the whole club to be situated at Anderson Creek Road.

Season 1981 saw the Rovers' first team miss out on promotion in a close struggle with Frankston Pines.

The club will be going all out in 1982 to win promotion to Division One, wanting to combine its first match in Division One with the opening of its new ground.

It has always given strong emphasis to juniors, with many of its senior players coming up from the junior ranks and with the better facilities at Anderson Creek Road, the junior section of the club will continue to flourish.

So the next 18 months are certainly the most important in the club's history and with the backing of the council, the Doncaster business sector and the club's many members, the committee will really put Doncaster on the soccer map.

ΤΑ ΠΑΝΟΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΟΧΛΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΟΙ ΕΚΑΠΕΣ ΤΟΥ ΟΧΛΟΥ

Την Κυριακή 4 'Οκτώβρη θα γίνουν οι έκολε γέλε της ομάδας του 'Οχλη γιά τήν άνδρείε-ση του νέου Δ. Συμβουλίου. Οι έκολες θα λάβουν χώρα στέ 'Οχλη της Κοι νότητας του 'Οχλη καί 'Αρα 3.30 μ.μ.

Ο ΚΟΝΤΟΚΕΤΑΙ ΤΡΙΤΟΣ

Ο Αετός Κοντοκίτας, τό λιονταράκι ό-πας τόν 'Οχλη, ό φίλαθλος του 'Οχλη, έργκε τόν τρίτο στήν κατηγορία του (Α' Προβί-ζινα) έκολες τήν βαθμολογία τών διατιτών. Τήν Ιη θέση κέρδισε με 21 βαθμούς ό Μα-κισός της Έσσετον Σίτυ καί τήν 2η ό Παπαδόπουλος από τό Τόμαςτέον.

ΚΟΝΤΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ - ΠΕΤΡΑΣ ΔΙΑΚΡΙΣΤΗΚΑΝ

Δύο παίκτες της Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ (Γ' κατηγορία Με-τροπότητας) ό Κωστόπουλος καί Πέτρας Με-χρίτσας, σύμφωνα με τίς βαθμολογίες τών διατιτών.

Συγκεκριμένα ό Κωστόπουλος ήλθε 2ος με 22 βαθμούς καί ό Πέτρας 14ος με 11 βαθ-μούς. Τήν Ιη θέση κέρδισε ό Παπαδόπουλος από τό Γαλακίου με 25 βαθμούς.

ΕΚΑΠΕΣ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ

Τό Σάββατο τό Μάλβερν Σίτυ 3 'Οκτώβρη έί-δει τόν έπίσιο χορό τών 'Οχλη τήν Κοι-νότητας του 'Οχλη. Γιά τό ελεύθερο στήν τηλεφωνία στέν κ. Κωστοκίτα έλθε στέν έρίθω 509-7724.

Έπίσης τήν Κυριακή 4/10/81 στέν γήπεδο του Μάλβερν διοργανώθη από τό πρω-τό μιά άρα έκδήλωση όπου θα γίνουν άγώνες τών Προβίζινα καί παράλληλα θα δοθούν τό άντισφαίριο έπαθλο σε όλους τούς μικρούς άσους του σπόγγου.

Στέν 3.00 μ.μ. θα γίνε καί άγώνες τών πα-λαμάχων του Μάλβερν με τήν Μική παλαμά-χων στήν όποια μετέλουν ό μετέλουν ό Γ. Γεωργίου, Β. Αλέξης, Τ. Κουρτίδης, Α. Κώστα, καί Μ. Μήλας από τήν Έν. Ποντίων.

Όσοι παλαμάχοι θέλουν να δώσουν τό πα-ρόν στήν άρα έκδήλωση να τηλεφω-νήσουν στέν άθλητικό γραφείο της Ν. Πατρίδας στέν 329-8944 καί να δηλώσουν συμμετοχή. Έπίσης άφίτο στέν παλίο γήπεδο του Μάλβ-ερν θα γίνε καί τελεταία προπόνηση τών πα-λαμάχων καί από 'Αρα 7.00 έως 9.00 μ.μ.

ΑΘΑ ΓΙΑΡΑΒΙΑ

Τό Δέκα Γιάραβια ή όποια δέκοφε τήν συνεργασία τήν με τόν τεχνικό της κ. Τάκη Σβίγιο στήν έση της αζιζών, άποζημιώθη-τόν προπονητή με τήν πληρωμή καί τών ό-πολιτών μισθών τών σύμφωνα με τόν πρό-δρο κ. Τζέζη Άμανατίδης.

Συγκεκριμένα ό κορυφαίος παράγων του κα-υάδελου σπυλάγου μά είπε: Έίχαμε μά ό-πορώση άπέναντι στέν κ. Σβίγιο γιά τό έ-μείς σπάσαμε τήν συμφωνία έμείς έμείς με τόν πληρωσόμε. Δέν νομίζω ότι θα πρόέ-με να γίνουμε γιά μερικά δολάρια ρεζίλι. Αλλά πού διαβάζουμε γιά άλλους σπυλάγου καί τό κοροϊτεύουμε δέν θέλουμε να τό έ-χουμε έμείς!

Έπίσης με τόν Τάκη Σβίγιο πού ήλθε με τηλεφωνική έπικοινωνία μάς βεβαίωσε τά ό-σα είπε ό κ. Άμανατίδης καί ένα μικρό ό-πόλοιπο πού άπομένει θα τό πάρει σε πολύ μικρό χρονικό διάστημα.

Ο ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΝΩΣΗΣ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Στέν 10 του 'Οκτώβρη καί στέν Ένωση Ποντίων θα δώ-σει τόν έπίσιο χορό της. Κατά τήν διάρκεια της βραδιάς θα γίνε καί ή άπονομή έπαθλων στέν παίκτες. Γιά να ελεύθερο σας τηλεφωνήστε στέν 428-1547 ή στέν 429-1962.

ΠΡΩΤΟΣ Ο ΠΑΠΑΧΡΗΣΤΟΔΟΥΛΟΣ

Στέν Γ' κατηγορία του Προβίζινα Λήγκ ό Τ. Παπαχρηστοδούλος της Δέας Γιάραβια έσοβήσε στέν Ιη θέση με τόν G. CRASER του Μπουλίν.

Καί ό δόο ποδοσφαιριστές συγκέντρωσαν από 19 βαθμούς ό καθένας.

ΤΙΟΣ Ο ΑΛΕΞΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΛΟΙΑ

Στέν Β' κατηγορία του Προβίζινα Λήγκ ό Β. Αλεξόπουλος του Πέλοια κατέλαβε τήν Ιη θέση με 13 βαθμούς. Πρώτος ήλθε ό Σπύρ του Μπαλαράς.

ΤΑ ΘΑΛΑΣΣΕΣ Ο ΚΟΥΜΠΑΡΟΣ

Έίνα μουναρός προπονητή καί κάπου-κά-που γράφει καί γιά τό ποδόσφαιρο πού ό-μεις σε τό έπαίξε ποτέ του. Στέν προσαδέχεται τόν όμωυ να βοηθήσει τόν τεχνικό, έπέλεξε τέτοιο μύθο πού γε-λάει όλη ή Μεταπολιτεία.

Άποτέλεσμα: Ό προπονητής κινδυνεύει να μόν υπογράφε συμβόλαιο, συμβόλαιο συ-νεργασίας με τήν ομάδα του.

Ο ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΑΔΕΛΑΪΔΑ

Τόν Νοέμβριο υπολογίζεται να γίνε τό ταξίδι του Λεωνίδα στέν 'Αδελαΐδα όπου θα δώση καί φιλικούς άγώνες.

ΘΕΡΙΝΑ ΤΟΥΡΝΟΥΑ

Άνεπίσημα φυσικά αλλά έως τώρα άκούσα με ότι τόνσον ή Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ όσο καί ό ΠΕ-ΛΟΙΑΣ θα διοργανώσουν στέν γήπεδο τούς καλοκαίρι τών τουρνουά.

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"

Hungarian coach available

Istvan Gombos, secretary of the Hungarian Coaching Association, wants to coach in Australia.

He has coached several Hungarian teams, he was coach of the year in Iran and has coached also in Africa and South America.

Clubs interested in making use of Gombos should ring 429 3217.



Just another plot of land - but soon it will house a \$100,000 soccer complex for Doncaster Rovers.

Five-a-side at Footscray

The western suburbs can justifiably claim to be the 'heart' of soccer in Victoria, with many rapidly expanding youth teams and well established senior sides, together with a growing number of qualified, enthusiastic coaches dedicated to the game. The continued growth and development of this great sport is assured for years to come.

The staging of the Youth Cup in Australia will also undoubtedly have a major impact and further arouse interest and participation at all levels in the area.

Located within easy access by road and rail of Melbourne, the prestigious, new \$8 million Indoor Sports Complex at Footscray Institute of Technology has emerged with unparalleled facilities to stage:

- a regular indoor 5-a-side soccer competitions.
- an annual weekend 5-a-side 'rally'
- coaching clinics held in conjunction with professional coaches
- regular training sessions for local clubs (junior and

senior) and State squads

- preparatory and 'refresher' courses for players, coaches and referees
- fitness testing laboratories for individuals and/or team squads
- the latest audio visual equipment for use in modern lecture rooms adjacent to activity areas
- club dinners, dances, general meetings (all with full catering available) at the luxurious Boat Club on the banks of the Maribyrnong River

Coaches, administrators, club officials and parents cannot overlook this unique range of top quality facilities which are also supplemented by the availability of outdoor playing fields adjacent to the complex.

A sensible pricing policy has been established to encourage the widest possible use of these comprehensive facilities.

Two consecutive competitions will be held:

- for seniors
- for juniors

Each team will be charged \$25 to register for the competition, to cover all necessary administration costs and provision of facilities including showers changing rooms, snack bar etc., within the complex.

All teams will be guaranteed at least four games during the competition, which will be organised on a World Cup style 'pool' basis with winners qualifying for sudden death K.O. in the Quarter Final Rounds.

Also introductory 5-a-side 'mini' leagues are being offered as part of the programme of activities within the Complex on Thursday evenings during the close season. Leagues of eight teams will ensure two matches per night for participating sides and thereby help keep players 'sharp' through the coming months.

Leagues will commence on Thursday September 24 for five weeks and entries are required by September 21, at the latest.

For enquiries ring 688 4200 ext. 392 or 467.

Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP St. George Budapest



ST. GEORGE, from left, top row: Dennis Duarte, Howard Hadley, Peter Terry, Billy Griffiths, John Russell, Jim Tunney. Middle row: Villy Karacki, Daz Marton, Mark Barton, Dave McIntosh, Peter Stone, Barry Walker, Miguel Cabrera. Front: Paul Kay, Steve McDonald, Mike Fraser, Don Smith, Ernie Campbell, Peter Beggs, John Davies. Cabrera and Kay have since left the club.

● St. George Budapest won the NSW grand final with its first victory over arch-rival Croatia this year. Croatia previously had beaten Slints in the league. St. George, one of the traditional giants of Australian soccer, was relegated from the national league at the end of 1980, but under coach John Davies, a strong comeback and hopes to be re-accepted to the national league for 1982. Davies, who has coached Slints, St. George, and Novi Sad in Yugoslavia, proved to be the best goal-keeper the club has had. He finished as league top scorer and also won the NSW Rothmans Medal.



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